

**A look into  
Healdsburg's  
Marshals and  
Nightwatchmen**

**From 1867-1899**

**Volume 1**

## Special Police Eldridge Boyd Ball

Eldridge Boyd Ball was born in about 1844 in Missouri to John W. Ball and Eliza Mary Miller. In 1852, he is found on the California State Census making his home in Solano County, California. On the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1864, he enlisted as a Private in Company F of the 7<sup>th</sup> California Infantry Regiment while living in Santa Rosa, California. On the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1865, he was discharged in San Francisco, California. In 1866, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Blacksmith. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Cache Creek, Yolo County, California working as a Junior Blacksmith. In 1871, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Blacksmith. In 1873, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Spring Valley, Colusa County, California working as a Blacksmith. In 1878, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Dayton, Butte County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Dayton, Butte County, California working as a Laborer. In 1882, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California working as a Blacksmith. In 1886, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Vacaville, Solano County, California working as a Blacksmith. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home at 742 Tehama Street in San Francisco, California working as a Blacksmith. In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Selma, Fresno County, California.

*“Boyd Ball is now temporarily located in San Francisco.”<sup>1</sup>*

*“Boyd Ball returned to Healdsburg last week after a brief absence. He was the guest of San Francisco relations.”<sup>2</sup>*

In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Blacksmith. In 1898, he is found on the

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<sup>1</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 1<sup>st</sup> December 1892

<sup>2</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 29<sup>th</sup> December 1892

Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 2, Sonoma County, California working as a Blacksmith.

*"Boyd Ball, who has been residing in Geyserville for some time past, has returned to Healdsburg."*<sup>3</sup>

*"B. Ball, special police \$3.00."*<sup>4</sup>

On the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1900, he passed away in Vacaville, California.

### **Obituary 1<sup>5</sup>**

VACAVILLE, Aug. 4.— A shooting affray occurred to-day in the cardroom annex of the Elite Grillroom, resulting in the fatal wounding of Eldridge Boyd Ball by Jefferson Dobbins.

Ball and Dobbins were playing cards for money. Ball had just won and was in the act of drawing the stakes toward himself, at the same time talking to Dobbins.

Dobbins called Ball a liar, who in turn applied the same epithet to Dobbins. Dobbins arose from his chair with his hand in his front right pocket. Fred Pena, one of the witnesses, placed his hand on Dobbins' shoulder, saying, "Don't do that, Jeff," thinking he was about to draw a knife.

Dobbins instead drew a pistol and fired two shots at Ball, who was still seated in the chair. One bullet struck Ball in the right shoulder, disabling that arm, and the other took effect in his abdomen. The latter bullet the doctors have failed to locate by probing.

After the shooting Dobbins coolly walked out on the street and up to his room in the Opera-house building and locked the door.

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<sup>3</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 16<sup>th</sup> February 1899

<sup>4</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> August 1899

<sup>5</sup> San Francisco Call 5<sup>th</sup> August 1900

Deputy Sheriff Stadtfeld arrested Dobbins later and was obliged to force him into the carriage in waiting to take him to Fairfield. It is not expected that Ball will live through the night.

### **Obituary 2<sup>6</sup>**

Vacaville, August 4. — A shooting affray occurred here today that will probably result fatally. Eldridge Boyd Ball, who has lived here for several years, was playing cards in a private room in John Burns' saloon with Jeff Dobbins, son of a well-known rancher and a fruit-grower, Dr. W.J. Dobbins. A quarrel over the game caused the shooting. Dobbins fired two shots, one taking effect in Ball's right shoulder, and the other entering the body below the heart.

Robert T. Ball of this place received a telegram from Vacaville Monday saying that his brother died Sunday and was buried Monday and that current opinion blamed Dobbins.

The young man who did the shooting is a brother of Mrs. D.D. Dodson of this place. Mrs. Dodson started on the delayed express Monday for Vacaville.

### **Obituary 3<sup>7</sup>**

Eldridge Boyd Ball, for many years a resident of Healdsburg, was fatally shot at Vacaville Saturday. He was playing cards in a private room in a saloon with Jeff Dobbins, son of a well-known rancher and a fruit-grower of Vacaville. A quarrel over the game caused the shooting. Dobbins fired two shots, one taking effect in Ball's right shoulder, and the other entering the body below the heart. Ball died Sunday morning from the effect of the wounds. He left a daughter, Mrs. Joe Baker, residing in Dry Creek Valley.

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<sup>6</sup> Red Bluff Daily News 7<sup>th</sup> August 1900

<sup>7</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> August 1900

## Constable/Marshal William Perry Ball

William Perry Ball was born in February 1843 in Missouri to Earl Ball and Clementine House. When the 1852 California State Census was taken he is making his home in Solano County, California. On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1863, he registered for the Civil War Draft in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Wagon Maker. On the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1866, he married Mary Elizabeth Pickle<sup>8</sup> in Sonoma County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Cache Creek, Yolo County, California working as a Carpenter. In 1871, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Wagon Maker.

*“W.P. Ball was appointed to the office of Constable for Mendocino Township.”<sup>9</sup>*

*“On last Friday some tools were stolen from the blacksmith shops of Goddard & Skillman and Hendrick & Hicks. They consisted of hammers, braces, wrenches, etc. A man lately from Ukiah whose name is John Taggett, was suspected of taking the property, and Constable Ball went in search of him. He arrested Taggett Saturday morning near Windsor and recovered nearly all of the tools. At the suggestion of Judge Toombs. Mr. Taggett will suspend his petty larceny operations for the space of twenty-five days.”<sup>10</sup>*

*“A crowd of railroad hands had a “bit of a spree” at the Island Saloon last Monday. They took possession of the bar, beat the barkeeper and kicked him out. drank all the liquor, broke the bottles, and robbed the till of \$13. They then went to their boarding-house, near Grant's and continued their deviltry. Their cook an Indian. was treated to a beating, but he succeeded in escaping to town. Constable Ball went over to the camp, but the rioters had disappeared.”<sup>11</sup>*

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<sup>8</sup> Daughter of Christopher Jones Pickle and Susannah “Susan” Cook

<sup>9</sup> Russian River Flag 18<sup>th</sup> May 1871

<sup>10</sup> Russian River Flag 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1871

<sup>11</sup> Russian River Flag 20<sup>th</sup> July 1871

*“Wm. P. Ball is hobbling about with two canes--the effect of an accidental cut in the knee last Saturday with a hand ax.”<sup>12</sup>*

In 1875, he is found on the Voter Register living in Analy, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.

*“Wm. Ball arrived in Healdsburg Tuesday from Chico. His appearance on our streets was somewhat of a surprise at first, but was partly explained by a glance at one of his arms which was held in a sling. Mr. Ball met with an accident to his arm as follows: A heavy team was attached to the engine to move its location, and he caught hold of the off fore wheel to assist in starting; the team, giving a “haw” pull, became suddenly frightened and running the other way brought the off wheel against the boiler, catching Mr. Ball’s arm and crushing it between the elbow and wrist, cutting and burning it and breaking one of the bones. Being thus disabled, he placed his machine in charge of his brother John and came home to his family. He will return, however, next Monday.*

*He reports the weather cool at Chico, and all hands in good health and excellent working trim. Mrs. Hasbrouck and Mrs. Truitt, who accompanied their husbands, were in good health. There was not much work done during the heated term, and what sickness there had been was not caused by the sun so much as from drinking too much water. About twenty-five persons died, however, in the neighborhood of Chico during the hottest weather, mostly those of dissipated habits (a warning to excessive drinkers of alcoholic beverages). Fifteen horses died during the same time from the sun’s heat, but would have been saved doubtless had head protections been used.*

*Mr. Bill’s large machine threshes eight hundred sacks per day, and the small one seven hundred sacks in the same time. The whole tract of 25,000 acres will average fifty bushels to the acre; one field of ten thousand acres of Propher wheat stands five and a half feet high, and will average seventy-five bushels to the acre.*

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<sup>12</sup> Russian River Flag 7<sup>th</sup> March 1872

*John Ball, who has a ranch at that place, has disposed of 3,000 sacks of his grain at \$1.23; others are now selling at \$1.17.”<sup>13</sup>*

*“J.W. Rose, the retiring Marshal, declines to run again, as the demands of his professional duties as attorney, will not permit. We therefore have the pleasure to present the name of Wm. Ball. Mr. Ball is well known in the community as an energetic man, and one who attends strictly to duties entrusted to him. A determined and attentive marshal is what the city wants, and we believe Mr. Ball will fill the bill.”<sup>14</sup>*

*“W.P. Ball, who has been traveling through the southern portion of the State for Hawley & Co., of San Francisco, returned to Healdsburg last week and remained a few days. He sold a half interest in his steam thrasher to J.A. Mead, and the machine has been shipped to Los Angeles county for service this season. Mr. Mead and several assistants will leave Healdsburg soon for Los Angeles county, Mr. Ball having gone in advance.”<sup>15</sup>*

*“Eds. Enterprise— Since coming to this county I have received many letters of inquiry from my Healdsburg friends, who are anxious to know what inducements are offered here to men of moderate means. The questions most asked of me may be stated as follows: How do you like Los Angeles? Is there any good farming land there, and what can it be bought for? Is the climate there very hot? Do you think that a man with \$2,000 or \$3,000 could invest it advantageously there? There are other questions asked, but the foregoing cover the most important field of information desired, so I would like to answer all through the medium of your much-prized paper.*

*A man with \$2,000 or \$3,000 can buy from 100 to 160 acres of good farming land here. The climate here, so far this summer, has not been uncomfortably warm— only about 70°, and that up in town, away from the coast breeze. I like the country better the more I see of it, and begin to feel very much inclined to make it my home, on account of the present outlook and the prosperous future that seems in*

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<sup>13</sup> Russian River Flag 20<sup>th</sup> July 1876

<sup>14</sup> Russian River Flag 10<sup>th</sup> May 1877

<sup>15</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 30<sup>th</sup> May 1878

*store. The county is nearly new, so far as growth and development go, and land can now be bought cheap. The outlet for the products are splendid— we can ship direct to any market by rail or ship. The products are varied and abundant, and Los Angeles county promises to become the premium county of the State. My business of selling, setting up and running farming machinery has brought me in contact with many farmers and other citizens in both this and San Bernardino county; I have made up my mind from what I have seen and heard that farming will soon take the place, in these counties, of sheep and cattle raising. A great deal of agricultural machinery has been sold in Los Angeles county this season. Besides many smaller sales made by me, I recently sold to one man two 86-inch cylinder thrashers, ten headers and five reapers, to be used in harvesting a single crop.*

*In regard to farming land, I would say to my friends, if you want light, warm soil, where you can raise all kinds of tropical fruits, you can procure it in that section of the county designated the "fruit belt." It lies east of Los Angeles city, in the foothills, and extends for many miles. The choicest of this land can be bought for from \$60 to \$100 per acre, but a considerable quantity, not so favorably located, from \$5 to \$7. This fruit land is on the slope from the San Gabriel range to the valley.*

*Along the middle of the valley and down in Gospel Swamp (among the corn and hog raisers), you must pay from \$60 to \$100 cash per acre for land. The great amount of moisture in the land there is what makes it so valuable.*

*My favorite part of the county is that lying west and south of Los Angeles city. Out about 8 miles from the city there rests in a low range of hills a valley of about 50,000 acres, that is the best and most centrally located large body of land I have ever seen. The soil of this great valley is of a heavy and loamy quality. The valley is mostly covered by two grants. It is on the Centenela grant, in this valley, where I spend most of my time among the harvesters, who are taking care of 10,000 acres of grain that will average 60 bushels to the acre. This land is not offered for sale. Adjoining this is the San Pedro rancho, which extends to the southern end of the valley, terminating at Wilmington, on the coast, 10 miles from Los Angeles. Neither is this ranch offered for sale, except two small tracts sold by the owner (a*



*Mexican 85 years of age) several years ago. This old Mexican is in his second childhood, and will not sell more land as he is fearful that his money will be taken from him. One of the tracts sold by him was owned by a man named McDonald, who re-sold it to Joel and John Maxwell, formerly of Healdsburg. It contains 4,000 acres, located on the Wilmington road, 18 miles from Los Angeles city, and only four miles from the coast. J.K. Maxwell informed me that he would sell 1,000 acres on easy terms. This is the best opportunity for those wanting grain-land, I have ever met with. The Maxwell Bros, have 1,000 acres of barley now growing, that will yield 80 bushels per acre, if harvested properly. One piece of Sonora wheat will yield 60 bushels per acre. Their corn and beans look fine. The soil in this part of the county is a varied loam and adobe, and no doubt this section will soon be a continuous grain field for many miles.*

*W.P. Ball. Los Angeles, June 14, 1878.*<sup>16</sup>

*“From Los Angeles.—W.P. Ball returned last week from Los Angeles county, on a visit. He is traveling for Marcus Hawley & Co., and since last April has sold upwards of \$100,000 worth of agricultural and other machinery for that house.*

*Mr. Ball informs us that prospects were never more cheerful in Los Angeles County, as plenty of rain has fallen there this season. Since he left Healdsburg he has visited every county and nearly all the large towns south of San Francisco. He met with many former residents of this place. He says the 12,000 acres of land bought in Los Angeles county by T.W. Hudson, Sanford Bennet, James and Henry Seawell, T.H. Rickman, et a., is located in the orange belt, has splendid advantages for irrigation, is all good, tillable land and is within six or eight miles of the Baldwin and other large ranches, where land sells for from \$40 to \$80 per acre.”<sup>17</sup>*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Cloverdale, Sonoma County, California working as an Engineer.

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<sup>16</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 27<sup>th</sup> June 1878

<sup>17</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 1<sup>st</sup> August 1878



*William and Mary Ball and Children*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Ukiah, Mendocino County, California working as a Station Engineer. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1917, he passed away in Alameda County, California. He was laid to rest in Chapel of the Chimes Columbarium and Mausoleum in Oakland, Alameda County, California.

### **Obituary<sup>18</sup>**

*The death occurred on June 2 at the residence of his daughter. Mrs. Pearl Cutler, In Oakland, of William Ball, an old-time resident of this, city, and whose surviving wife has a number of relatives and old friends here. For some time, it will be remembered, Mr. Ball was with the B. Carrington real estate firm in this city. He came to the state across the plains in early days find to this county. When still young both his father and mother died of small pox and were buried in a new cemetery opened here. An old friend of the family paid Mr. Ball a high tribute on*

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<sup>18</sup> Press Democrat 7<sup>th</sup> June 1917 \*

*Wednesday as being a man of strict Justice and integrity and a good citizen and friend. He was one of the most interesting of the pioneers here and was widely known.*

## **Deputy Marshal Edward Isaac Beeson**

Edward Isaac Beeson was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1858 in South Sacramento, Sacramento County, California to John Brooks Beeson and Caroline Denison Ives. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. In 1879, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Piper Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a House Painter. At this time he was been out of work for the last 6 months with a sprained ankle. On the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1886, he married Emma Cooper Logan<sup>19</sup> in Sonoma County, California.

*"E.I. Beeson, deputy marshal \$12.00"*<sup>20</sup>

*"John Carroll, a tramp, was given a place in the city bastille Sunday for drunkenness. One of his arms was bleeding copiously from a knife wound inflicted by an Indian during a scrimmage. Marshal Beeson dressed the injured member and the next day the prisoner was able to be put to work with the chain gang in sweeping the streets."*<sup>21</sup>

*"It is further ordered by the Board of Trustees of the City of Healdsburg, that for Healdsburg Precinct No. 1, the election will be held and the polls will be opened in W.R. Madeira's paint shop, on West street, and for that precinct A.R. Combs and Ed. I. Beeson are hereby appointed as Inspectors of said election, and R. Kinsman and F.M. Johnson are appointed as Judges, and Charles Fitch and G.W. Wolcott are appointed as Clerks, and Charles Bryan and H.H. Pyne are appointed as Ballot Clerks of said election. It is further ordered by said Board of Trustees that for*

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<sup>19</sup> Daughter of Captain Robert Sterling Logan and Barbara M. Smith

<sup>20</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 4<sup>th</sup> August 1892

<sup>21</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 11<sup>th</sup> August 1892

*Precinct No. 2, said election shall be held in the Clerk's office in the City Hall of said city, and for said precinct Thomas Barnes and E. G. Hall are appointed as Inspectors, and J.W. Sylvester and C.A. Hassett are appointed as Judges, and Arthur S. Luce and T.G. Young are appointed as Clerks, and J.L Bates and A.J. Thayer are appointed as Ballot Clerks of said election. By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Healdsburg."*<sup>22</sup>

*"E.I. Beeson, salary as chief engineer \$4.00."*<sup>23</sup>

In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Saloon Keeper. In 1898, he is found on the Voter Register working as a Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Saloon Keeper. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Piper Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Piper Street in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Saloon Proprietor. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Liquor Merchant. When the 1930 Census was taken he is living in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Real Estate Agent Selling Lands. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1948, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, California.

### **Obituary<sup>24</sup>**

Death claimed Edward Isaac Beeson Tuesday, ending the long and colorful career of the retired businessman who lived all but 12 months of his 90 years in Healdsburg.

The widely known resident was the father of Dr. Edward I. Beeson, local dentist, Mrs. Elva Grant and Mrs. Eda McClish.

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<sup>22</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> March 1894

<sup>23</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> August 1894

<sup>24</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 5<sup>th</sup> March 1948

His wife, the late Mrs. Emma Beeson, died several years ago. Beeson was taken to the local hospital five days before his death, but until recently was active and in good health. He came to Sonoma County from Sacramento.

Surviving in addition to his son and daughters are several grandchildren, Dr. Perry Beeson, Jeanette Beeson, and Mrs. Addle Marie Meyer, of Healdsburg; Mrs. Barbara Litton, of Ames, Iowa; Dr. Donald Grant, of Oakland. He made his home at 218 Piper Street.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning from the chapel of Fred Young and Company, Rev. J.I. Thomas and officers of Healdsburg Lodge, Knights of Pythias, officiating. Interment was held at Oak Mound Cemetery.

## **Marshal John Wesley Bell**

John Wesley Bell was born in May 1843 in Missouri. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California. On the 11<sup>th</sup> October 1868, he married Angeline Candis Wood<sup>25</sup> in Sonoma County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.

*“Constable J.W. Bell resigned and W.P. Snook is appointed in his place.”<sup>26</sup>*

*“J.S. Bell is a candidate for Constable at the coming election. Mr. Bell is well and favorably known, and as he once successfully filled that office, needs no puffing. We’re all Bell men, and we are going to have him elected.”<sup>27</sup>*

*“Among other officers to be elected next Wednesday are two Justices and two Constables for this township. The candidates for Justice are Jirah Luce and J.P. Price, present incumbents, and J. P. Emerson. They are all competent and a good choice is bound to result. A recent uncalled for insinuation against Mr. Emerson, from a certain source, ought to, if anything, give him greater strength. The*

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<sup>25</sup> Daughter of Hamilton Wood and Mildred Marion Settle

<sup>26</sup> Russian River Flag 13<sup>th</sup> May 1875

<sup>27</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 7<sup>th</sup> August 1879

*candidates for constable are J.S. Bell, J.B. Leard and W.P. Snook. They, also, are competent—each and every one of them.”<sup>28</sup>*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Russian River Township, Sonoma County, California. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Grant Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1917, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg.

### **Obituary<sup>29</sup>**

*The funeral of the late John W. Bell was held on Saturday, June 9th. The Rev. W. Horn, pastor of the M.E. Church South, officiated at the funeral. Mr. Bell was a pioneer of the Healdsburg section. He had been a sufferer from rheumatism for many months. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Helen Bell, and two sons. William Bell, a son, of St. Helena, was present at the funeral.*

## **City Marshal Nathaniel Woodward Bostwick**

Nathaniel Woodward Bostwick was born about 1835 in New York to Marcus Lucius Bostwick and Deborah Kellogg. On the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1865, he married Addie Looney<sup>30</sup> in Sonoma County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

*“On Saturday morning last Marshal Bostwick received a dispatch from Cloverdale instructing him to arrest and hold a certain individual by the name of Neilson Gammel, General Traveling Correspondent Scandinavian Emigration Journal, Copenhagen, Denmark, and to forth, et cetera, e pluribus unum! The man had*

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<sup>28</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 28<sup>th</sup> August 1879

<sup>29</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 21<sup>st</sup> June 1917

<sup>30</sup> Daughter of Robert Looney and Sarah Wright

*been working off some bogus watches, supposed to be gold. In Healdsburg he passed one on Sam Meyer, taking in return a pistol and \$90; instead of selling Sam the watch he pawned it for thirty days, a sly dodge to protect himself till he could get away. Sam soon satisfied himself that he had been victimized, but, in police parlance, he didn't "kick," knowing full well that the O.T.C.S.E.J.C.D., had been too sharp for him. Marshal Miner, of Cloverdale, came down on the afternoon train with a warrant for the fellow, and took him up to Cloverdale that evening on a charge of having swindled one Marks, to whom he had traded a bogus gold watch for a real gold watch and \$10. The fellow declared that he had not represented his watch to be genuine, as he was particularly careful not to do so, and that Marks could not beat him unless he did it by tail swearing."<sup>31</sup>*

*"Marshal Bostwick and assistant Marshal Sewell took to Santa Rosa Tuesday (15<sup>th</sup> July 1879) a Spaniard, formerly of Fulton, and C. Daniels, two worthless specimens of human nature, for condiment in the county jail, for selling liquor to Indians. Both were detected by Sewell, for which he deserves commendation. The first had sentenced by Justice Luce to 2 days and the second to 60 days, and they could be made to earn their board at the jail, they should have had the full allowance of 300 days. Indians were drunk around town on the Fourth, and disgustingly and insulting, the liquor having been undoubtedly supplied by the men. If our officers keep up their zeal, we shall hope for total eradicate this villainy".<sup>32</sup>*

*"Resignation of N.W. Bostwick as City Marshal accepted, and election of successor postponed till next meeting"<sup>33</sup>*

*"W.B. Reynolds was elected City Marshal to fill unexpired term of N.W. Bostwick, resigned."<sup>34</sup>*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

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<sup>31</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 18<sup>th</sup> September 1879

<sup>32</sup> Russian River Flag 17<sup>th</sup> July 1879

<sup>33</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 18<sup>th</sup> December 1879

<sup>34</sup> Russian River Flag 8<sup>th</sup> January 1880

*“N.W. Bostwick, formerly of this city, whose hotel in Booneville, Mendocino county, was destroyed by fire recently, is building a larger and much more handsome hotel at the same place. It will be one of the largest in that part of the State”<sup>35</sup>*

On the 14th January 1906, he passed away in Seattle, Washington. He was laid to rest in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Seattle, Washington.

### **Obituary<sup>36</sup>**

*Many old timers will be interested to hear of the death of a former well known pioneer of Santa Rosa and Sonoma county in the person of N.W. Bostwick. Mr. Bostwick was the proprietor of a livery stable here in the early sixties. It was located on the present site of the Grand Hotel. He was afterwards proprietor of the Sotoyome House in Healdsburg for a number of years. From Healdsburg Mr. Bostwick moved to Seattle where he passed away on January 14, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. The deceased is survived by a wife, son and daughter. Both of the latter are married. The daughter is Mrs. S.J. Williamson of this city.*

### **Officer Thomas Trottell/Trotter Bryan**

Thomas Trottell/Trotter Bryan was born in about 1865 in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California to Thomas and Margaret Bryan. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in San Francisco Ward 8, San Francisco County, California. In 1886, he is found on the Voter Register making his home at 1720 Jessie Street in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California working as a Canvasser. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California working as a Peddler.

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<sup>35</sup> Sonoma Democrat 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1892

<sup>36</sup> Press Democrat 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1906



*“Healdsburg is to be congratulated upon having so efficient an officer as Thos. T. Bryan. He is always on the alert and will let no criminal escape him.”<sup>37</sup>*

*“A tramp seized with delirium-tremens was found roaming about in a perfectly nude condition, on the river bar near Van Alen's cannery Saturday morning. He was brought to town and lodged in the city jail by Officer Bryan, and when he appeared for trial, Judge Price sentenced him to six days' service in the chain gang.”<sup>38</sup>*

*“Ben Bowers, a twelve-year-old chap, whose parents are camping on Russian river near the county bridge, disappear from his humble abode last Friday with a determination of going out into this cruel world and live in independence. His father and mother were terribly frenzied over their missing son and a search was at once begun. The young deserter was found the next day and was returned by Officer Bryan to his parents.”<sup>39</sup>*

*“Petitions from Jas. Stinson and Thos. T. Bryan, candidates for special officer, were read and placed on the table.”<sup>40</sup>*

*“Capt. Thos. Bryan, ex-Supervisor of San Francisco county, paid a visit to his son, Thos. T., Jr., the fore part of the week.”<sup>41</sup>*

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home at 2024 Sutter Street in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California working as a Commercial Traveler. On the 4<sup>th</sup> May 1898, he enlisted as a Private in Company H, 1<sup>st</sup> California Infantry. At the time of his enlistment he was working as a Clerk in San Francisco, California. On the 5<sup>th</sup> February 1899, he died of wounds received in the attack on San Pedro Macate, Philippine Island. He was laid to rest in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo County, California.

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<sup>37</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1891

<sup>38</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> September 1891

<sup>39</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> September 1891

<sup>40</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> September 1891

<sup>41</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 17<sup>th</sup> September 1891

## Obituary<sup>42</sup>



Private Thomas T. Bryan--Company H. First California, who was killed at Manila while bravely fighting to maintain the honor of the flag which he went to the front to defend, was a native of this city. He was a son of Mrs. Margaret Bryan of 2519 California street, and was 34 years of age and unmarried. When the President issued his call for volunteers Bryan was among the first to offer his services. He always said that he wanted to see active service. Even In his recent letters home, while he expressed happiness that he was soon to return to San Francisco, he regretted that he had not been in a fight, as he wanted to have the experience of being under fire. Bryan was never engaged in business, having an income of his own; he, however, looked after his mother's estate. Besides his mother he leaves two brothers and a sister. The latter is a Mrs. Weed of this city. One of his brothers is the proprietor of the Arlington Hotel at Suisun, while the other, John J. Bryan, is a resident of San Francisco.

## Constable/Marshal John Wood Clack

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<sup>42</sup> San Francisco Call 7<sup>th</sup> February 1899

John Wood Clack was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1831 in Barren County, Kentucky to William W. and Isabella Petty. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Division 2, Barren County, Kentucky. Two years later on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 1852, he married Ceily/Celia Jane Lewis<sup>43</sup> in Jackson County, Missouri. When the 1860 Census was taken they are making their home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working and operating a Livery. On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1863, he registered for the Civil War Draft, listing his home as Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

*“At a meeting of the Mendocino Democratic Club, Monday evening, before election, J.W. Clack and John B. Fitch were nominated for Constable, Mr. Fitch afterwards declined the nomination, and Mr. D.D. Phillips, of Dry Creek, was substituted in his place. The result is well known. Our Constables are, of course, the nominee of the Democracy.”<sup>44</sup>*

On the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1868, he was delegated to fill the position of Marshal upon the removal of Marshal Poor.

*“In our last issue it was stated that O.C. Newcomb had given bail to await the action of the grand Jury. We should have said that his bonds were given for his appearance before Justice Hays, on the 22nd, ult., to which time Newcomb asked that his examination be postponed in order to get his witnesses.— Last Saturday evening his bondsmen directed Constable Clack to arrest him, which he did and delivered the prisoner over to Deputy Sheriff Reynolds, who took charge of him until last Monday when he was examined before Justice Hays and committed to the county jail, in default of \$1000 bonds, until the sitting of the Grand Jury, or the single charge of shooting at the boys, Harvey Truitt and Lora Powell. The charge of shooting at Frisbie’s barkeeper in Geyserville was dismissed, as the barkeeper did not appear as a witness.”<sup>45</sup>*

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<sup>43</sup> Daughter of John Stewart Lewis and Mary Jane Fulkerson

<sup>44</sup> Russian River Flag 12<sup>th</sup> September 1867

<sup>45</sup> Russian River Flag 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1868

On the 28<sup>th</sup> February 1870, he was appointed Marshal upon the resignation of Marshal Reynolds. When the 1870 Census was taken his occupation is listed as  
Town Marshal of Healdsburg.

*“Last week Marshal Clack, of Healdsburg, while on a visit to Napa County, met a man named J.W. Barton, once a resident of Healdsburg, for whom the Sheriff of Santa Clara county had been hunting for some lime. Mr. Clack immediately came home, got a warrant, went over again and arrested Barton near Yountville. The Sheriff of Santa Clara County came up last Sunday and took charge of the prisoner. It appears that a man had given Barton \$40 and a team to go somewhere to buy shrubbery; instead of fulfilling his mission he got on a drunken spree, left the horses and wagon at a livery stable and went off to San Francisco, where he soon went through with the money. So it appears that the poor fellow's sin was more an ungovernable appetite for liquor than anything else. The owner of the horses and wagon offered \$100 reward for their recovery and they were soon returned. Mr. Clack had heard of the reward offered and it was under the belief that he would get the \$100 that he took the trouble to make the arrest; but as it turns out he loses money by the operation.”<sup>46</sup>*

*“On Last Friday (11<sup>th</sup> November 1870) a stranger, giving his name as Jas. Ferguson—afterward Sawyer —made his appearance in town with a pick and shovel on his shoulder, and announced himself as a well-digger—an opposition well-digger. He gave evidence of having a taste for something stronger than the contents of the well, and before night his feelings welled up into his throat in such vociferous notes that Marshal Clack found it necessary to lock him up. On Saturday morning he paid a fine of ten dollars. On Saturday night he occupied the same lodgings for the same offence, having with him this time, Yankee Jack alias The Rooster.”<sup>47</sup>*

On the 24<sup>th</sup> July 1873, he was shot by Ham Briggs while on official duty. Briggs was arrested and sentenced to pay a fine of 2,000 dollars or imprisonment of 1,000 days.

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<sup>46</sup> Russian River Flag 21<sup>st</sup> July 1870

<sup>47</sup> Russian River Flag 17<sup>th</sup> November 1870

*“Healdsburg, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1873, 11:15 A.M.*

*To Sonoma Democrat--At about nine o'clock last evening, some parties were heard by City Marshal J.W. Clack, carousing in the Healdsburg saloon, on Main Street; he went to the front door, and hearing the proprietor, C.C. Benoist, tell Ham Briggs not to shoot that lamp, entered and ordered him to desist, upon which Briggs turned and said, “May be you would like some of it;” and leveling his pistol at Clack, fired, the ball taking effect in the abdomen; entered about 4 inches above and to the right of the umbilicus or navel, ranging down and to the right, coming out above the crest of the umbilicus or hip bone. Further shooting was prevented by others present. Clack is being cared for by friends and physicians; some hope is given of his recovery. J.H. Briggs is under arrest—the people threaten to lynch him.*

*LATER — 2:40 P.M.*

*The Doctor told me, a little while ago, that Clack was doing nicely. The examination is going on now. Briggs has been granted bail at \$20,000. He is out trying to find it now, but nobody thinks he can get it.*

*Latest — 3 P.M.*

*Ham Briggs could not give bail, and was committed to the County Jail, to await the action of the Grand Jury. The officers having Briggs in charge arrived in Santa Rosa at 5 P.M., and the prisoner was immediately incarcerated In the County Jail.”<sup>48</sup>*

*“Marshal Clack appeared on the street last week, having almost entirely recovered from his late wound.”<sup>49</sup>*

*“Last Sunday when John R. Truitt and family returned to their home, about three miles below Healdsburg, on the Dry Creek road, from a visit to David Hopper's, they discovered that the house had been entered and ransacked during their few hours' absence. In looking about on the ground for foot-prints Mr. Truitt noticed a bailing rope on the gate between the calf-yard and the milking corral. Looking*

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<sup>48</sup> Sonoma Democrat 26<sup>th</sup> July 1873

<sup>49</sup> Russian River Flag 14<sup>th</sup> August 1873

*closer he found his own pistol, cocked and so fastened in the gate that the rope would pull the trigger and discharge a ball into the middle of the body of any grown person who should open the gate in a natural manner. A cowardly murder seems to have been intended, rather than robbery, for nothing was missed from the house except the pistol. From various circumstances Mr. Truitt had strong suspicions of the guilty parties and on Tuesday he caused the arrest of two lads. Marshal Clack and Wm. B. Reynolds made the arrest and the latter succeeded in getting a full confession from the younger boy. He said he had been incited and directed by his older brother to do the deed, but he afterwards denied that his brother had anything to do with it. District Attorney McConnell came up yesterday and conducted an examination of the boys before 'Squire Willson. H.C. Firebaugh appearing for defendants. No proof appeared against the elder boy and he was disobliged. In the examination of the younger one there was no direct evidence except Mr. Reynolds' testimony as to the boy's confession. Considering his youth and having doubts as to his being the real principal, the Justice discharged the boy.*

*We have refrained from giving the name of this misguided' lad in the hope that his late experience may be such warning to him as to prevent his name ever again being connected with a discreditable act. A mere chance has kept his soul from being stained with the awful crime of murder, but he has the most of his life still before him, and an honorable record in the future will atone for this false step of his immature years.”<sup>50</sup>*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on West Street in Healdsburg and working as a Hotel Keeper.

*“John Clack, City Marshal, met with a serious accident last Thursday evening. While in his barn loft he slipped and fell to the floor below, breaking his arm in three places, and sustaining other injuries, Dr. Swisher, is attending the injured man, and says that while the arm is badly broken, he does not anticipate any serious results.”<sup>51</sup>*

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<sup>50</sup> Russian River Flag 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1874

<sup>51</sup> Russian River Flag 14<sup>th</sup> April 1886

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Piper Street. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Center Street.

*“John Clack, one of Healdsburg’s a honored pioneers who dates his resilience here to 1858, celebrated his birthday anniversary last Wednesday. Mr. Clack was eighty years old, and still enjoys the best of health and may be seen daily on our streets. In the fifty-three years he has resided here many changes have taken place. From a small village Mr. Clack has witnessed the progress of this city to its present pretensions of a prosperous little city of 5,000 population. Mr. Clack was active in his earlier days in promoting the advancement of Healdsburg, and for years conducted the Sotoyome Hotel.*

*In honor of his natal day, Mr. Clack’s good wife, who has been his true and faithful companion for fifty-nine years, prepared a birthday dinner and invited as guests, Mr. and Mrs. M. Raabe, Mr. and Mrs. A. Shriver, Mrs. Strong, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beck and family. The Enterprise joins with the many friends of Mr. Clack in wishing him continued good health and that his days may be long and happy.”<sup>52</sup>*

On the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1915, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg.

### **Obituary<sup>53</sup>**

One of Healdsburg's oldest citizens, .John W. Clack, died yesterday.

It is stated that there is but one man left in Healdsburg who was here when John W. Clack came to this town in 1866. That man is Mr. Combs.

John W. Clack was born In Barren county, Kentucky, May 24th, 1831. At the age of eighteen years he went to, Jackson county, Missouri. He was united in marriage there in 1852 to the wife who preceded him to the grave about three years ago. Mr. Clack followed farming in Missouri until 1866, when he started for California

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<sup>52</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 27<sup>th</sup> May 1911Bell

<sup>53</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 27<sup>th</sup> May 1915

across the plains. He reached Healdsburg in the fall of that year, and this city had been his home up to his death.

In the early years he served as marshal of Healdsburg, and he later held the offices of deputy county assessor and deputy sheriff. For about eight years he owned a livery stable in Healdsburg, and in 1876 he purchased the Sotoyome hotel, of which he was manager until 1882, when he sold the hotel, and retired to private life for the rest of his days.

Mr. and Mrs. Clack had no children, but they adopted two—Mrs. Ed Beck and Miss Sarah Clack.

Mr. Clack was of congenial disposition, a man who held the friendship of everyone.

He was a member of the Baptist Church and the funeral will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock from that church.

J.A. Clack, brother of the deceased, with his daughter, Miss Laura Clack, arrived in Healdsburg Saturday from their home near Gainesville, Texas, to be with the dying relative.

Mr. Clack was conscious up to within a short time of his death, and was able to recognize those about his bedside.

## **Nightwatchman Edward Lester Cook**

Edward Lester Cook was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1853 in Allegan, Michigan to Amos J. Cook and Lydia M. Brown. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Leighton, Allegan County, Michigan. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Leighton, Allegan County, Michigan. On the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1877, he married Alice Jane Brown<sup>54</sup> in Moline, Allegan County, Michigan.

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<sup>54</sup> Daughter of Fletcher Brown and Lovina Lewis



When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Leighton, Allegan County, Michigan working as a Farmer.



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*“L. Cook and Wm. Proctor have appointed special watchmen for a time. The expense is to be divided between the city and the business men.”<sup>56</sup>*

*“T.W. Proctor has been engaged as delivery clerk for A.R. Monfort. L. Cook has taken the position made vacant by the resignation of Proctor on the extra force of night watchmen.”<sup>57</sup>*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on West Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Day Laborer (been unemployed for last 3 months). When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in St. Helena, Napa County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Vallejo, Solano County, California working as a City Contractor. When the 1930 Census was taken he is making his home in American, Sacramento County, California. On the 27<sup>th</sup> February 1931, he

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<sup>55</sup> Edward Cook and Family taken about 1888- Back Row: Edward, Arthur, Alice, Glenn  
Front Row: Elsie, Edith, Fletcher

<sup>56</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 11<sup>th</sup> September 1889

<sup>57</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 25<sup>th</sup> September 1889

passed away in Monterey, Monterey County, California. He was laid to rest in Monterey City Cemetery, Monterey County, California.

### **Special Officer Luther Samuel Cook**

Luther Samuel Cook was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1862 in Mark West, Sonoma County, California to David Cook and Ann McManus. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Railroad Street in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer.

*“Lute Cook, Special Officer, \$22.00”<sup>58</sup>*

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 2, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Pleasanton, Alameda County, California working as a Laborer. In 1898, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Alameda County, California working as a Laborer. On the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1899, he passed away in Pleasanton, Alameda County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### **Obituary<sup>59</sup>**

Luther S. Cook, a former resident of Healdsburg, died in Pleasanton, Alameda county, on Wednesday of last week. The deceased was born at Mark West on December 8th, 1862. He came to Healdsburg in the early seventies, and lived here until about seven years ago, and leaves a widow and one child. Deceased was a brother of Albert and John Cook and Mrs. Kreuger of Healdsburg. The funeral was held here on Friday.

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<sup>58</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 9<sup>th</sup> October 1889

<sup>59</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 16<sup>th</sup> March 1899

## Nightwatchman William Washington Cook

William Washington Cook was born on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 1854 in Georgetown, El Dorado County, California to George M. Cook and Mary Ann<sup>60</sup> (Unknown). When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Georgetown, El Dorado County, California. By April 18, he was living in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer.

*“The-petition of W.W. Cook, numerously signed by citizens, petitioning the Board to appoint him Nightwatchman was read by the Clerk.”<sup>61</sup>*

*“W.W. Cook, services as Nightwatchman (four nights), \$5.20.”<sup>62</sup>*

*“Ex-Deputy City Marshal Cook is lying dangerously ill with gastric fever at his home on Tucker street, this city.”<sup>63</sup>*

*“Application of W.W. Cook for Nightwatchman to succeed W. McLean was read and on motion of Fried the applicant was appointed to act in that capacity at once. W.W. Cook was the sworn into office by Clerk Raymond.”<sup>64</sup>*

*“Officer Cook is still confined to his bed with sickness.”<sup>65</sup>*

*“W.W. Cook and P. Lannon applied for the appointment of Nightwatchman. A ballot was taken and resulted, W.W. Cook 3, P. Lannon 2. President Young declared Cook elected.”<sup>66</sup>*

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<sup>60</sup> Mary Ann was born in Hilton, England and came to U.S. with parents in 1846

<sup>61</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> May 1890

<sup>62</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 5<sup>th</sup> June 1890

<sup>63</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 26<sup>th</sup> June 1890

<sup>64</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 7<sup>th</sup> May 1891

<sup>65</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 21<sup>st</sup> January 1892

<sup>66</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 5<sup>th</sup> May 1892

*“Wm. Cook has returned from his vacation in Mendocino County and resumed his position on the police force.”<sup>67</sup>*

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Policeman.

*“Wm. Cook, our efficient night watchman, has taken a few day’s recreation and is visiting in the Bay City.”<sup>68</sup>*

*“Barnes moved that the salary of Nightwatchman Cook be increased from \$45 to \$50 per month. The wages formerly was \$50 per month until about two years ago when there were three or four aspirants for the position and the rivalry resulted in one agreeing to accept \$5 less than was the prevailing figure. Fried remarked; “The occupation of nightwatch man is very trying on one’s constitution. He must brave the severest weather and it soon tells upon him. While we have a faithful officer let us retain him and give him a compensation which he is worthy of.” The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.”<sup>69</sup>*

*“A fire broke out in the old livery stable belonging to the Walker estate, situate on West street, on Tuesday morning about 3 o'clock, and before the fierce flames were checked all the houses on the west side of the street from Lucinda Walker’s dwelling to the residence of the Loveland family, being seven houses in all, were consumed by the hungry fire destroyer. The fire department responded quickly and worked earnestly and unceasingly. The wagon shop of York & Co., directly opposite the stable, where the fire originated, was saved only by the heroic efforts of the fire laddies. Had the wind been blowing, the entire block, to the foot bridge, would undoubtedly have been consumed. Whether the conflagration was the result of incendiarism or carelessness cannot be ascertained. All kinds of rumors are current as to its origin, and it is impossible to get anything like a straight and reasonable theory. Robert Leard, son of J.B. Leard, was the first to discover the blaze. He was returning from a visit in the country when he saw a light in the barn. He immediately suspected fire, and ran for the fire-bell. When he arrived opposite*

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<sup>67</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1892

<sup>68</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> June 1893

<sup>69</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> February 1893

*the stable the flames burst through the roof, causing an illumination which was seen by our efficient and ever watchful night watchman, Wm. Cook, who gave the alarm. Several persons sleeping in the building adjoining the burning stable had a narrow escape from being "burnt" to death. The timely arrival however, of our worthy chief, L.A. Norton, saved them from cremation. So quickie did the buildings burn that but little of the household furniture in any of them were saved.*

*The water supply was entirely inadequate, and when the streams were first turned on they would not reach to the roof of the building occupied by York & Co., and the much greater force with which the water was thrown in about one-half or three-quarters of an hour after first being turned on, demonstrates conclusively, so the firemen say, that the full force was not on until after the fire had been burning some time. Such a fire as that of Tuesday morning cannot be fought successfully without a full pressure and just such emergencies as this should be looked after and prevented in the future.*

*The fire demonstrated fully what could have been accomplished with an engine such as the Exempts propose purchasing. The suction hose could have been placed into a well just back of one of the burning buildings, and much effective work could have been done. The firemen did some noble work, and naught but commendation is due them for their labors in trying to save property. Healdsburg has a good fire department, and nothing more fully demonstrated this fact than their efforts on Tuesday morning.*

*The principal portion of the buildings destroyed were occupied by lewd women, and composed that portion of the city that for years has been an eye-sore to all decent people and a nuisance to our town, and while all regret the loss of property, yet the universal verdict seems to be that it was a good riddance to bad rubbish, and that a nuisance has been abated in the most speedy and effective way possible, and it is to be hoped that should that portion of our city be again built up it may be for the purpose of a more moral and desirable purpose. That portion of town is, so far as location is concerned, the most desirable for building lots.*

*The following is a list of property destroyed, with the insurance, so far as can I) be learned:*

*E. Prewett's dwelling and saloon, valued at \$4.000; no insurance.*

*Mrs. L. Walker, two dwelling houses and barn; loss not definitely known; insurance \$1,600.*

*Two small dwelling houses belonging to the L.A. Norton estate, valued at \$500; no insurance.*

#### NOTES

*Shortly after the fire was discovered, two men were seen running from the burning building, and were seen later lurking around the corner of a building watching the progress of the fire.*

*Where was Moses when the light went out? Where was the Chief of the Fire Department when the fire broke out? The glare of a big fire, like the glare of the calcium light, exposes many things that would be better hidden from view.*

*We are proud of our fire laddies, and we don't care who knows it. The work of Tuesday entitles them to all .encouragement and assistance. They deserve it.*

*Henry Fried, Jr., says that despite all declarations to the contrary, he was at the fire, and that he is convinced that the fire companies needed plenty of hose. One of the inhabitants of the Prewitt house appeared in the street robed in a short night dress, and while seated in the middle of the street, placidly smoking a cigarette, she calmly proceeded to put her stockings on. It requires forethought and calmness to carry one through the ordeal of a big fire.*

*An old tabby cat, like a great ball of fire, rushed across the street with every hair on its back a tongue of flame, yowling at every jump. It had stayed in its retreat once too long, and thereby met its destruction. The only death recorded.*

*There was one noticeable fact which we cannot overlook in our notes, and that is he undaunted exempts. They did good service, and will do better when they purchase their hand-engine, which we hope will not be far distant. In the case of*

*our Tuesday night fire this apparatus would have performed wonderful service. Everyone should put their shoulder to the wheel and give the vets a boost.*

*It is reported that some party or parties had threatened to get even on one of the women occupying one of the houses burned, and in order to carry out the threat, had set fire to the stable adjoining her premises, knowing that the fire would be communicated to her place.*

*Someone wants to hear from those firemen who ate sandwiches at such an early hour. Where did they get the sandwiches, and who furnished the tablecloths?*

*"Oh, my Lord! Charley York did get so powerfully-overheated and got so sick." Yes, Aunt Betsy, there were a whole lot of them that got, "powerfully-over-heated."<sup>70</sup>*

*"Four candidates are in the field for the office of Nightwatchman. They are W.W. Cook (now serving), T.A. Ingalls, Joe McCarthy and K. Kinsman. The last-named was on the local force some four years ago and resigned for reasons better known to himself."<sup>71</sup>*

*"Applications from J.C. Ingalls, W.W. Cook, R. Kinsman and Warren Hall for the position of night watchman was read, and upon a ballot being taken, Ingalls received 3 votes, Cook 1 and Kinsman 1. Ingalls was duly declared elected."<sup>72</sup>*

*"The position of Nightwatchman proved to be much coveted, there being a dozen aspirants, namely: G.A. Mayer, R. Kinsman, George Seawell, R.B. Sears, Geo. McCracken, O.F. Krueger, W. Peters, Jas. McNally, Dan Bearden, W.W. Cook, Chris Mason and Ed. Petray. Chris. Mason each time received two votes. But, notwithstanding that the matter was balloted upon ten times, he could not secure a majority and the appointment was postponed until the next meeting."<sup>73</sup>*

In 1896, he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. In 1898, he is found on his Voter Register making his home in Geyserville, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. When the 1900

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<sup>70</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 29<sup>th</sup> June 1893

<sup>71</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> May 1894

<sup>72</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 7<sup>th</sup> June 1894

<sup>73</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 7<sup>th</sup> May 1896

Census was taken he is making his home in Washington, Sonoma County, California working as a Railroad Section Sexton. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Washington, Sonoma County, California working as a Railroad Laborer. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home on Front Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Railroad Yard Maiter. On the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1928, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, California.

### **Obituary<sup>74</sup>**

*William W. Cook, one of the early pioneers of Healdsburg, died at his home in front street shortly after 8:30 o'clock this morning. Mr. Cook had suffered from cancer for many months and for several weeks his condition had been regarded as extremely serious. He was a member of the pioneer Cook family who came to Healdsburg from Georgetown, California, seventy years ago. Cook was a native of Georgetown, aged 74 years. He had resided here since coming with his parents to this city when he was four years of age.*

*He leaves besides his wife, Jennie, Cook, three brother. George, Frank and Walter Cook and a sister, Mrs. Leona Lemmon.*

*The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon with Rev. H. S. Saxby, pastor of the Christian church, and Friendship Lodge, Knights of Pythias officiating. Cook for many years had been a member of the local Knights of Pythias.*

### **Assistant City Marshal and Nightwatchmen John Dempsey**

John Dempsey was born in December 1842 in the County Roscommon, Ireland to Patrick Dempsey and Bridget Green. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Bridgeport, Nevada County, California working as a Miner. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Bridgeport, Nevada

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<sup>74</sup> Healdsburg Tribune 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1928



County, California working as a Miner. In about 1870, he married Margaret Ann Hammond in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California.

*“Last Thursday Mr. Dempsey’s dwelling house, north Healdsburg, was destroyed by fire. The fire originated from a stove-pipe running up through the roof. The building was nearly new, having been built only about a year ago. The family saved most of their furniture. Mr. Dempsey is in the employment of the Railroad Company. His loss is severe, as he had no insurance on the building.”<sup>75</sup>*

*“John Dempsey is filling the position of private watchman in our town, and we often hear him pacing the streets at the midnight hour and after. Citizens whose property he is guarding ought help to pay him.”<sup>76</sup>*

*“On motion John Dempsey was appointed Assistant City Marshal, with power to make arrests between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., at a salary of \$20 per month. The Clerk was ordered to notify Mr. Dempsey of his appointment, and instruct him to furnish the required bond.”<sup>77</sup>*

*“John Dempsey, night watchman, two months, \$40.00.”<sup>78</sup>*

*“Bill of John Dempsey, night-watch, for \$40, was received and referred to Finance Committee.”<sup>79</sup>*

*“John Dempsey, who has been night watch of the city of Healdsburg for the past two years, gives his thanks to the Board of Trustees and the business men generally for their past favors, and announces that he will continue to watch the same as usual.”<sup>80</sup>*

*“Wm. Norton was appointed special police after January 1, 1876, at a salary of \$10 per month, vice J. Dempsey, time expired.”<sup>81</sup>*

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<sup>75</sup> Russian River Flag 15<sup>th</sup> January 1874

<sup>76</sup> Russian River Flag 5<sup>th</sup> March 1874

<sup>77</sup> Russian River Flag 8<sup>th</sup> October 1874

<sup>78</sup> Russian River Flag 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1875

<sup>79</sup> Russian River Flag 11<sup>th</sup> November 1875

<sup>80</sup> Russian River Flag 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1875

<sup>81</sup> Russian River Flag 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1875

*“J. Dempsey was appointed special police without compensation, with authority to make arrests within the city limits.”<sup>82</sup>*

*“J. Dempsey, services as Night Watch in December, \$20.00”<sup>83</sup>*

*“Sunday morning about four o’clock Sam Meyer and David Stussy were disturbed by a noise in their backyard. On examining into the cause, they found a tipsy Frenchman prowling around with a candle in his hand. He was delivered into the hands of Watchman Dempsey, who conveyed him to the calaboose.”<sup>84</sup>*

*“John Dempsey, who has been the faithful and trusty nightwatch of this city for the past two years, has resigned.”<sup>85</sup>*

On the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1879, he naturalized as a U.S. Citizen. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Russian River Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Railroad Section Foreman. By 1888, he is found of the Voter Register living in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

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<sup>82</sup> Russian River Flag 6<sup>th</sup> January 1876

<sup>83</sup> Russian River Flag 20<sup>th</sup> January 1876

<sup>84</sup> Russian River Flag 27<sup>th</sup> January 1876

<sup>85</sup> Russian River Flag 30<sup>th</sup> March 1876



*John and Margaret Ann Dempsey circa 1900.*

When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in San Francisco Assembly District 34, San Francisco County, California working as a Laborer in the All Works Industry. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in San Francisco Assembly District 24, San Francisco County, California. On the 9<sup>th</sup> April 1924, he passed away in San Francisco, California. He was laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma, San Mateo County, California.

### **Obituary<sup>86</sup>**

DEMPSEY - In this city, April 6, 1925, John, dearly beloved husband of Annie Dempsey, loving father of John J. and Frank J. Dempsey, brother of James Dempsey and Mary Lannan and Sister Mary Immaculate of South Africa, a native of Ireland, aged 83 years.

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<sup>86</sup> San Francisco Chronicle 8<sup>th</sup> April 1925

## Nightwatchman Peter M. Dirvin Sr.

Peter M. Dirvin was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1834 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Michael Dirvin and Bridget Irwin. On the 12<sup>th</sup> August 1855, he married Caroline Hiderick/Haedrich<sup>87</sup> in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1863, he registered for the Civil War Draft in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Philadelphia Ward 26 District 84, Pennsylvania working as a Book Publisher. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Superintendent of the Gas Works.

*“Peter Dirvin is night-watch now vice C.E. Jones resigned. We have been fortunate in securing as good a watchman as we have been able to do.”<sup>88</sup>*

*“Peter Dirvin has been appointed Assistant Marshal, and he will make a good one, we think.”<sup>89</sup>*

*“P. Dirvin appointed as Deputy Marshal and sworn in.”<sup>90</sup>*

In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Gas Fitter. In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 2, Sonoma County, California working as a Plumber. On the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1898, his wife passed away in Oakland, Alameda County, California. In 1898, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 2, Sonoma County, California working as a Plumber.

*“While in Healdsburg the writer met a former old time citizen of San Luis Obispo. His name is Peter Dirvin and at present he is the manager of the gas works in the northern city. There are many San Luis people who well remember Mr. Dirvin. He left this city July 3, 1877 and has ever since resided at Healdsburg. He was instrumental in the organization of the San Luis Obispo fire company known as*

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<sup>87</sup> Daughter of Henry G. Haedrich and Christiana Henrietta

<sup>88</sup> Russian River Flag 11<sup>th</sup> October 1883

<sup>89</sup> Russian River Flag 1<sup>st</sup> November 1883

<sup>90</sup> Russian River Flag 8<sup>th</sup> November 1883

*Rescue Hook and Ladder No. 1, which has since been changed to Tiger Hook & Ladder. Mr. Dirvin wished to be remembered to the veterans and active firemen of his former home. Mrs. Dirvin died in Oakland, February 11 of this year. She was aged 62 years.*<sup>91</sup>

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Township 7, Fresno County, California. On the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1905, he passed away in Sonoma County, California.

### **Obituary**<sup>92</sup>

Peter Dirvin, a well-known and aged resident of this city, died Tuesday morning after a short illness. He was up and around Monday afternoon, although not feeling well. His death was unexpected and very sudden.

Mr. Dirvin was born in Philadelphia seventy-one years age and came to California in 1872, living at Sacramento and San Luis Obispo before coming to Healdsburg. He has resided here for the past twenty-five years and was manager of the gas works up to the time of the discontinuing of the plant some few years ago. He was an active member of the Healdsburg Fire Department, the members turning out in a body to attend his funeral as a tribute to one of their honored members.

Mr. Dirvin, in recent years, assisted his son, Peter Dirvin, Jr., in conducting the Enterprise Cannery. He was a man who was highly respected, and of very quiet ways. Many friends will mourn his death.

The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Masonic Hall under the auspices of the Ancient Order United Workmen, Rev. Rollins of the Episcopal Church officiating. The body was taken to Oakland Thursday morning for interment to be laid beside his wife, who preceded him to the grave seven years

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<sup>91</sup> Morning Tribune 11<sup>th</sup> May 1898

<sup>92</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 28<sup>th</sup> January 1905

ago, three sons, Peter, Henry and Joseph Dirvin, and two daughters, Miss Etta Dirvin and Mrs. Caroline Graham, survive to mourn his loss.

## Nightwatchman Samuel Adams Englehart

Samuel Adams Englehart Jr. was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 1841 in Ohio to Samuel Adams Englehart Sr. and Mary Addams. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in District 41, Jasper County, Missouri. On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1863, he registered for the Civil War Draft in Russian River Township, Sonoma County, California. In 1867, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Russian River Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1878, he married Elizabeth “Libbie” Jewell<sup>93</sup> in Sonoma County, California. In 1879, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Haydon Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Painter.

*“Sam Englehart, police duty July 4 \$3.00.”<sup>94</sup>*

*“S. Englehart, J.E. Stewart and C.A. Hassett were sworn to act as Deputy Marshals on the Fourth of July.”<sup>95</sup>*

In 1898, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Nightwatchman. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Hayden Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Fitch Street in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. On the 11<sup>th</sup> May 1911, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

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<sup>93</sup> Daughter of George Clinton Englehart and Elizabeth “Libby” Cople

<sup>94</sup> Russian River Flag 24<sup>th</sup> August 1882

<sup>95</sup> Russian River Flag 12<sup>th</sup> July 1883

### Obituary<sup>96</sup>

Another pioneer resident in the person of Samuel Englehart has been called to his last long rest. His death occurred Thursday morning at his rooms in the Miller & Hotchkiss cannery. He had been complaining for some time, although he continued to be up and about, and only the day previous was around among his friends. He was 70 years of age and a native of Ohio, coming to California in 1856 and to Healdsburg a year later. He was well known throughout this section and for some years past had been engaged as night watchman at the cannery. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Adams, of Napa, and relatives in this city are Mrs. Joseph Winder. S.A. Englehart, Mrs. Walter Lovell and the Thompson family. The funeral occurred Saturday from the residence of Joseph Winder, on Hayden street.

### Deputy Constable Edwin Haigh

Edwin Haigh was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 1857 in Sonoma County, California to John Bolton Haigh and Mary Engeldow. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Washington Township, Sonoma County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Farm Helper. On the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1885, he married Emma M. Fried<sup>97</sup> in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.

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<sup>96</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 17<sup>th</sup> May 1911

<sup>97</sup> Daughter of Henry Fried and Fredericka Matheuse

*“Edward Haigh has been confined to his homo for several days during the week with a threatened attack of pneumonia.”<sup>98</sup>*

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register living in Healdsburg, California working as a Farmer. In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register living in Healdsburg, California working as a Deputy Assessor.

*“The term of Postmaster Dudley will expire next year, and it is altogether probable that the honors he has so ably carried during his term of office will fall to the lot of Mr. Ed Haigh to maintain. Mr. Haigh is in the field with a petition for appointment to the office, and as it is already signed by all the business and professional men of Healdsburg, with hardly an exception, it is safe to say that he will easily secure the appointment. Mr. Haigh has made a most efficient assessor and tax collector, and if he is promoted to the postmastership he will undoubtedly make just as good a record in that more important office.”<sup>99</sup>*

In 1898, he is found on the Voter Register living in Healdsburg No. 2 working as a Deputy Assessor.

*“John Ingalls and Chris Mason entered upon their official duties as constables of Mendocino Township. Ed Haigh has been appointed deputy constable under Ingalls.”<sup>100</sup>*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Census Enumerator.

*“Constable Ed Haigh last week arrested Barney Nelson, a boy fifteen years of age, on a charge of stealing a pair of shafts from W.C. Craig’s blacksmith shop on Center street. Constable Haigh also went to Santa Rosa and arrested two junk dealers, Porter and Greuque, on a charge of being implicated. At the trial the men proved that they bought the shafts of the boy, and were discharged. Justice*

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<sup>98</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 19<sup>th</sup> March 1890

<sup>99</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 19<sup>th</sup> August 1897

<sup>100</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 5<sup>th</sup> January 1899



*Provinces sentenced young Nelson to thirty days in the county jail. His parents have been unable to do anything with him, and he has run the streets at will.”<sup>101</sup>*

*“Friday, Constable Ed. Haigh effected a clever capture of J.D. Potter, who recently plead guilty to the charge of highway robbery in Santa Clara County, and was sentenced to five years in San Quentin. On Nov. 14th he made his escape from the county jail and cards were sent out containing a description of the man and Constable Ed Haigh received one of the cards.*

*Potter pawned a watch to Jeweler L.C. Koberg Thursday and Mr. Haigh learned of the fact and having before had suspicion of the man watched him very closely, he noticed the man going into the wareroom of Gunn & Ferguson and following him found him hiding behind a role of screen wire. Mr. Haigh immediately arrested the man and telegraphed the fact to the Sheriff at. San Jose. Friday noon Deputy Sheriff Ray Starbird arrived here and identified the man and who admitted his guilt. A reward of \$50 was offered for the arrest of the prisoner, and who is also an ex-convict, and this amount was paid to Mr. Haigh by the deputy sheriff.*

*Potter Is also wanted for stealing a bicycle at Santa Rosa and robbing a jewelry store in Sebastopol. Mr. Haigh is being congratulated on all sides as a result of the clever capture and on receiving the reward.*

*Just before the departure of the afternoon train when Deputy Sheriff Starbird went to get his prisoner out of the city jail he discovered that a few minutes more and his bird would have flown. Potter had concealed about him a small saw and had succeeded in sawing through two large iron bars over the window next to the China washhouse.”<sup>102</sup>*

*“Constable Ed Haigh returned from Boulder Creek on Sunday evening last having in custody a Japanese named A. Sakamoto. The Japanese was arrested and detained at Boulder Creek by the local Constable who immediately wired Mr. Haigh of his capture. He is charged with assault with a deadly weapon upon a fellow countryman and is also accused of robbing him of the sum of \$180. The*

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<sup>101</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 17<sup>th</sup> November 1904

<sup>102</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1904

*alleged crime was committed sometime ago out in Alexander Valley. On Monday last, Constable Haigh took the prisoner to Santa Rosa to be held for trial.*"<sup>103</sup>

*"Constable Ed Haigh, presented the force of the Scimitar office, with a fine bunch of trout on Tuesday last: They were as fine as ever graced an editor's table. Mr. Haigh states he has a good crop, and would have brought us more of them but the ladder broke just as he had reached the place where they were plentiful. Pardon us, we have been dreaming about a nice lot of trout someone was going to bring us, that we are mixed. We find that Constable Haigh really brought us a box of cherries. Thanks just the same."*<sup>104</sup>

*"Word comes from Healdsburg of a battle between a posse led by Constable Ed Haigh and Edward Bosco, who has given the peace officers considerable trouble in their attempt to depose him from a small ranch in the hills, which was foreclosed on some time since and sold to satisfy the mortgage.*

*According to the story, as received here, a warrant for trespass against Bosco was given Constable Haigh some weeks ago, but at every attempt to serve it Bosco evaded the officer. Yesterday, securing a posse of several men, all armed, the constable went to the ranch. A shot was fired to warn Bosco of the presence of armed men, but he refused to surrender, and instead, grabbed his trusty Winchester and took to the hills.*

*As he fled Bosco fired several shots in return at the officers, until he secured a retreat at the top of the hill. Here he took a position and some seventeen shots were fired between the posse and Bosco before the constable called off his forces and returned to town defeated. The story has considerable excitement.*

*It is probable now that a warrant will be sworn out charging Bosco with assault with a deadly weapon, and more effective efforts made to take him into custody, as it is considered unsafe to let him run at large.*"<sup>105</sup>

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<sup>103</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 29<sup>th</sup> December 1906

<sup>104</sup> Sotoyome Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1908

<sup>105</sup> Press Democrat 6<sup>th</sup> September 1908

*“Edward Bosco is causing all kinds of trouble to Constable Haigh in the efforts to dispossess him of the little mountain ranch, which has passed from his hands to Silva Nora on account of a mortgage held by the latter.*

*Bosco has been examined for insanity, but cleared himself, yet his actions render him still subject to the charge of being mentally unbalanced.*

*A couple of weeks ago, after he had refused to vacate the ranch to Nora, Constable Haigh saw him in town on his wagon, and hailed him, intending to try persuasion to induce him to keep away from the ranch. Bosco refused to stop, and drove hurriedly out of town. Constable Haigh procured a rig and went after him, overtaking him about a mile out of town. Bosco pulled a pistol and Constable Haigh followed suit, and a few shots were exchanged, when Bosco jumped from his wagon and took to the brush, leaving his horse and wagon in the road. Constable Haigh returned with the outfit.*

*A few days later, Constable Haigh and Charley Colson took the horse and wagon to Bosco’s place, but were unable to secure their man.*

*Al. Leach next accompanied Haigh to the place, but Bosco was on the watch and took to the brush with his gun.*

*Finally last week Constable Haigh organized a posse consisting of Silva Nora, Joe Boice, Spruce Zandrino, and again went after Bosco. Locating themselves about the place one of their number went toward the house, but Bosco quickly appeared with his gun and took to the brush as usual.*

*The officers fired a number of shots in an effort to cause him to surrender, Bosco returned the fire, but no one was injured as the hills are thickly covered with brush the chase was finally given up. The officers took his horse and wagon and supplies at the cabin, and will probably await a favorable opportunity to effect his capture. Nora has made several trips to the place since the last encounter after fruit, but failed to see any traces of Bosco. The charge against the man does not warrant desperate measures for his capture being taken.”<sup>106</sup>*

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<sup>106</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> September 1908

When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a City Constable. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Rural Mail Carrier.

*“On November 22, 1883, Friendship Lodge. No. 91, Knights of Pythias, was instituted in Healdsburg, twenty-two members strong. Of that number there remains but one, Ed. Haigh, who has been a member of the lodge for the entire 45 years and who is to be found in Castle Hall nearly every Thursday night with “the boys” of the order. After the first meeting with 22 present, the charter role remained open for a period, during which several others, among whom are some who are still members, signed. But the 22 who are the original pioneer members, were: T.J. Riley, F.M. Sponogle, W.B. Sanborn, J.E. McCabe, J.M. Allison, S.J. Hall, J.E. Fenno, N.B. Coffman, John Connor, J.F. Ferguson, W.M. Moulton. H.W. Peck, C.B. Proctor, Wm. McCluskey, G.W. Steadman, G.S. Campbell, Tandy Allen, G.L. Chatman, J.C. Manning, J.C. Dougherty, Ed. Haigh and S. Markwell.*

*Of these, the first officers were: R.H. Warfield, past chancellor; D. Markwell, chancellor commander; John Connor, vice chancellor; S.J. Hall, prelate; T.J. Riley, master of finance; W.B. Sanborn, master of exchequer; H.W. Peck, keeper of records and seal; J.F. Ferguson, inner guard; C.B. Proctor, outer guard.”<sup>107</sup>*

On the 20<sup>th</sup> September 1929, he passed away in Alameda County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### **Obituary<sup>108</sup>**

*Edwin Haigh, member of one of Healdsburg’s oldest and most prominent pioneer families, died at 7 o’clock Thursday morning at the Berkeley home of his daughter, Mrs. Edna Roseborough, where he had gone to spend the holidays. He became ill*

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<sup>107</sup> Healdsburg Tribune 18<sup>th</sup> May 1929

<sup>108</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 26<sup>th</sup> January 1933

*while in the bay city and was unable to return home. For the past ten days his condition has been critical.*

*He was the last surviving charter member of Friendship lodge, No. 91, Knights of Pythias, which will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in November, and was one of the first children born of American parentage in the Healdsburg section.*

*Haigh's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John B. Haigh, crossed the plains from Missouri in 1849. His father was a cattleman and drove a herd of cattle across the plains to California, bringing his family with him. The elder Haigh was a native of Yorkshire, England.*

*After coming to California the family settled first at Mountain View, Santa Clara county, living there only a short time when they came to Healdsburg and took up large land holdings at Lytton. They lived at what was called the old Pepperwood home, now the F. Agostini ranch. The Haigh family and Captain Lytton, founder of the old Lytton Springs hotel, owned practically all of the land in that section. Haigh was engaged in raising grain and cattle, and the four sons, George, Robert, Frank and Edwin Haigh, followed their father in the business. After his mother's death, Edwin Haigh continued to live on the ranch until about 30 years ago, when he moved to this city. His present home is one of the oldest in this city. It was a wedding gift in 1869 to Mrs. George Haigh from her father.*

*Haigh was born on the ranch December 18, 1857. He was the youngest in the family, all of whom preceded him in death. Besides the brothers, there were two sisters, Mrs. George Seawell and Mrs. Charles Broback. His wife, who died several years ago, was Emma Fries, also a member of a pioneer family. She was known for her beauty.*

*Charles, Bert, Fred and Jack Haigh of Healdsburg are nephews, Mrs. Alice Haigh Dixon is a niece, and Jack Broback, also of Healdsburg, is a grand nephew.*

*The body will be brought to Healdsburg on Friday morning and funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2:30 o'clock from the chapel of Fred Young & company. Knights of Pythias will officiate.*

## Charles Alson Hassett

Charles Alson Hassett was born in February 1839 in Hudson, Summit County, Ohio to John Hassett and Christina Davis. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Hudson, Summit County, Ohio. Around 1859, he came to San Francisco via the sea route and the Isthmus via Panama and located in Healdsburg soon after. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Miller. On the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1869, he married Lucy J. Lewis<sup>109</sup> in Sonoma County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Hayden Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as an Engineer.

*"Chas. Hassett, police duty July 4, \$2.00."*<sup>110</sup>

*"S. Englehart, J.E. Stewart and C.A. Hassett were sworn to act as Deputy Marshals on the Fourth of July."*<sup>111</sup>

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as an Engineer. On the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1900, his wife Lucy passed away. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Stationery Engineer. On the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1926, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

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<sup>109</sup> Daughter of Nathan and Mary Lewis

<sup>110</sup> Russian River Flag 24<sup>th</sup> August 1882

<sup>111</sup> Russian River Flag 12<sup>th</sup> July 1883

### Obituary 1<sup>112</sup>

Another pioneer resident was summoned by death Thursday night. Charles A. Hassett, a resident of Healdsburg for sixty years, passed away at the home of his niece, Mrs. George Mason, after a week's illness. Mr. Hassett was a native of Hudson, Ohio, and had reached the age of 86 years. He came to California in his early twenties and located in Healdsburg. He and his wife, formerly Miss Lucy Lewis, bought the Hassett home on Hayden street in 1869 and Mr. Hassett had lived in that home until his last illness. His wife and only son, Justin D. Hassett, died about thirty years ago.

He leaves two nephews. James T. Hassett of this city and Ora Hassett of Santa Rosa and a niece, Mrs. Geo. Mason, at whose home he was when death came.

The funeral took place Saturday afternoon at two o'clock from the Young chapel. Interment was in Oak Mound cemetery.

### Obituary 2<sup>113</sup>

Charles A. Hassett, 86, for more than 60 years a resident of Healdsburg, died Thursday night at the home of his niece, Mrs. George Mason, in Grant street. Death followed an illness of only about a week.

Hassett, one of the early pioneers here, was born in Hudson, Ohio, in 1840. A young man in his early twenties, he came to San Francisco via the sea route and the Isthmus of Panama and located in Healdsburg soon after. He married Miss Lucy Lewis, daughter of another pioneer family from Wodhams Mills, Essex county, New York, in 1869, and moved into a home in Hayden street, purchased by Mr. Hassett, where the couple continued to reside. Mr. Hassett had made his

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<sup>112</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 28<sup>th</sup> October 1926

<sup>113</sup> Healdsburg Tribune 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1926

home in one house until his recent illness, when he was removed to the Mason home.

The deceased is survived by two nephews, James T. Hassett of this city, and Ora Hassett of Santa Rosa, besides his niece, Mrs. George Mason. Both his wife and an only son, Justin D. Hassett, passed away about 30 years ago.

## **Constable/Deputy Marshal/Marshal John Cleveland Ingalls**

John Cleveland Ingalls was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1862 in Contra Costa County, California to Timothy A. Ingalls and Theresa A. Johnson. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Oakland, Alameda County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Knights Valley, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Knights Valley, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 2, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1892, he married Amanda Jane Rickman<sup>114</sup> in Sonoma County, California.

*“Applications from J.C. Ingalls, W.W. Cook, R. Kinsman and Warren Hall for the position of night watchman was read, and upon a ballot being taken, Ingalls received 3 votes, Cook 1 an Kinsman 1. Ingalls was duly declared elected.”<sup>115</sup>*

*“The following dispatch appeared in the San Francisco papers and caused considerable ridicule: “Healdsburg, August 19. —A deliberate attempt was made Friday night to fire the railroad and wagon bridge crossing Russian river at this place. Fires were kindled under the southern end of both structures, and but for the timely discovery of the blaze both would have been destroyed. Undoubtedly this was the work of tramps, for there are a large number camping on the river bar near the bridges, and the authorities intend to at once take steps to rid the town of these undesirable characters.” Anent this bit of news the Tribune reporter*

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<sup>114</sup> Daughter of David Henry Rickman and Mary Elizabeth Brown

<sup>115</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 7<sup>th</sup> June 1894



*interviewed officer Ingalls, than whom nobody is better posted on the happenings about the river. He said that a small blaze was discovered under the railroad bridge in the dry grass and it was that small it was fanned out with a hat. It originated from a spark from a locomotive and it could have done no damage to the structure spanning the river.”<sup>116</sup>*

*“J.C. Ingalls will make an excellent constable. He has proved to be the best police officer Healdsburg ever had and a better man for the office he is seeking is not to be found. Read his card in this issue.”<sup>117</sup>*

*“Two wayfarers, drunk and bent on having things their own way, were brought to town one day last week by August A. York with the assistance of Officer Ingalls and Marshal Leard and imprisoned for disturbing the peace. The miscreants were lucky that a more grave charge was not preferred against them. Being of the opinion that no one was at home they entered the house of Mr. York evidently with intent to rob. They, however, encountered Mr. York, who, besides ejecting them, roughly took them in tow and steered them to where they belong. Each plead guilty and one was given twenty days while the other was placed in durance vile in the county jail for thirty days.”<sup>118</sup>*

*“J.C. Ingalls’ efficiency as an officer of j the law is evinced by the record he has made since the hoard of city trustees appointed him night watchman last spring. Everyone will agree that his record is the best ever made by a Nightwatchman in Healdsburg and to protect the law he has shown the interest to go beyond the requirements of his office and make arrests. We will cite for example the capture of those who violated the law of furnishing liquor to Indians. His detective work was so clever that the evidence he produced against each culprit resulted in conviction and all the offenders —six or seven in number—are now in the State penitentiary at San Quentin. Mr. Ingalls is a man who respects himself, takes pride in doing his duty and we believe there is no man who can give better satisfaction*

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<sup>116</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 30<sup>th</sup> August 1894

<sup>117</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 13<sup>th</sup> September 1894

<sup>118</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 20<sup>th</sup> September 1894

*than he as constable of Mendocino township, for which he was nominated by the Republican party.*"<sup>119</sup>

*"It is to be hoped the voters of Healdsburg and Mendocino township will exercise prudence in voting for constables and justices of the peace. The Republican convention in Healdsburg named for constables two men who are in every respect the right men for the place—Lew A. Norton and J. C. Ingalls. Both are young men and will take pride in discharging the duties of the office which they are running for. They are energetic, alert and will be found to always be willing and ready to protect the law. They are men Healdsburg can be proud of and they both deserve the support of every elector. Don't forget to mark an X after their names on the ticket."*<sup>120</sup>

*"John C. Ingalls and Lew A. Norton are excellent nominees for constables and both should receive a solid vote of Republicans, Democrats and Populists. In their hands the business will be attended to with alertness and they are young men who are striving to make a mark. Be sure that you do not overlook them on your ballot."*<sup>121</sup>

*"A few nights ago after the twelfth hour Officer Ingalls discovered a bright light shining behind the counter in the Farmers and Mechanics Bank and, surmising that a robbery was being attempted, he dispatched a man to where Cashier George Warfield lives to inform him of the strange discovery. George suspected that he might be inveigled by a plot similar to that which was alleged in the looting of the city treasury and he would not venture out. Mr. Ingalls still clings to the belief that the bank had been invaded by a burglar, but he was frightened away before he could begin on the job he designed. The officer is of the opinion that the supposed pillager gained access through the back door and when he went out locked it so that no evidence of an intrusion would be left behind."*<sup>122</sup>

*"John Eaton, a notorious character whose criminal record is blacker than many professionals, was on the warpath Tuesday night, after he had imbibed*

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<sup>119</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 11<sup>th</sup> October 1894

<sup>120</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 18<sup>th</sup> October 1894

<sup>121</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 1<sup>st</sup> November 1894

<sup>122</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 6<sup>th</sup> December 1894

*considerable liquor, and threatened to do some slaughtering with a knife he had drawn. Officer Ingalls appeared on the scene at that moment and placed him under arrest. He took Eaton to the city jail and as he was unlocking the doors Eaton turned on his heels and fled. The authorities have so far been unable to find him.*<sup>123</sup>

*“Officers Ingalls and Meadows have this month often avoided the expense to the city of feeding prisoners by driving “vags” from the town and they should be given much credit for the vigilance. Tramps some months have cost the city more than \$200 and if they are given this kind of treatment they will soon discover that Healdsburg is not the proper place for their rendezvous.”*<sup>124</sup>

*“Healdsburg was thrown into a fever of excitement Tuesday and the aspect of nearly a hundred men in a posse who were in pursuit of a brace of outlaws had the semblance of an old-time vigilance committee.*

*The cause of the disturbance was an assault upon Officer Ingalls by a couple of notorious characters and a band of Indians which occurred late in the afternoon.*

*J H. Curtiss informed Mr. Ingalls that he had seen a man carrying wine to the Indians in the thicket on the bank oi Russian river opposite the Amesbury farm. He hurried down there and to his surprise he discovered two white men, John Hancock and Jim Robinson, who are wanted for the burglary of McAllister Bros. store at Fort Ross which occurred Saturday night.*

*He made them both prisoners and had manacled them together with hand-cuffs when he was struck with a missile from the hands of one of the Indians who were nearby and the blow dazed him. He fell down on his face and rolled over on his back when the whole clique administered him a severe beating. Ingalls was entirely at their mercy. His keys were disinterred from his pocket and the hand-cuffs were unlocked and removed from his captives while Robinson took the officer’s revolver away from him.*

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<sup>123</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 27<sup>th</sup> December 1894

<sup>124</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 24<sup>th</sup> January 1895

*When Ingalls recovered his footing he feared that he would be the victim of a tragedy. He remonstrated with Robinson to return the pistol, but it was to no purpose and the officer escaped further punishment by taking to his heels. It was a grave moment and Mr. Ingalls was extremely lucky in getting away from the desperate gang with his life.*

*With blood trickling down his face from a wound in the scalp he went to Amesbury's house to get a gun and take after his escapes and assailants, but there were no cartridges for the gun there and he came to town for a weapon and assistance.*

*It was not long after the news of the affair spread when nearly a hundred men volunteered to help re-capture the outlaws. A portion of the posse went down the river on one side another on the other side and a number of the armed men scoured the Dry creek country where the Indians camp and where both Hancock and Robinson have previously made their rendezvous. For several hours a careful search of those districts was made, but they failed to locate them.*

*Yesterday morning one of the Indians, "Poker Jim," was apprehended, but Ingalls says he could not swear that he took any part in the assault. The pursuit was renewed early yesterday morning, but there has been no report yet whether they have accomplished anything.*

*Ingalls says that Hancock had on a handsome, new Prince Albert suit and his pal was dressed up equally well. They had a number of guns and pistols hidden down the river, so Hancock said, but their place of concealment is yet unknown.*

*Officer Ingalls saw two men come to town late Sunday night on horseback and he thought then that they were Hancock and Robinson. It is evident that he was not mistaken. The constable's injuries are very slight and did not prevent him from going on duty the night of the affair."<sup>125</sup>*

*"John Hancock and Jim Robinson, the pair of burglars with whom Officer Ingalls had a lively scuffle last week and failed in his endeavor to make them prisoners,*

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<sup>125</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 21<sup>st</sup> February 1895

*are still enjoying liberty and carefully covering up their tracks, behind, so that the authorities are completely at sea as to where they have gone, it is, however, supposed that the felons have gone in the direction of the coast of Mendocino county. Last week Deputy Sheriff Leard and the Constables and their deputies made a vigilant search for them all around Healdsburg, but they outplayed their pursuers and easily stole away. It is positively known that both are well armed and exuberantly supplied with arms and ammunition which they purloined from the store of McAllister Bros, at Fort Ross. They are desperate characters and it is unsafe for one man or even two to venture to capture them unless they are fully prepared to do some fighting.”<sup>126</sup>*

*“Constable Ingalls continues his enterprising movement to rid Healdsburg of the tramp element and it is having the proper effect. If he does not succeed in bringing them before the Justice of the Peace he at least puts them to rout Sunday evening he fell upon a gang of the “weary” genus who made their rendezvous beneath a live oak tree near the Russian River cannery where there were a dozen or more in camp. The officers nabbed one of them, a professional wanderer and petty thief, and allowed the rest to go on the promise of promptly leaving town. They took the alternative very wisely and there have since been none here to molest the people in the lower part of the city. The tramp whom Ingalls took in tow was a man of about forty summers, was good looking and his appearance inculcates the impression that he is a respectable citizen. He appeared before Justice Pond Monday, giving his name as J.J. Bryant, and was given sixty days in the county jail. On his person was found among other things a flat key with a tax attached, bearing the name of Miss Anna Dixon, Napa, who formerly lived here, and doubtless he has pilfered other articles belonging to her.”<sup>127</sup>*

*“Friday afternoon Constable Ingalls seized Peter Horago, an ex-convict, who last February was released from San Quentin where he was sentenced to a couple of years for supplying Indians with liquor. He was under the surveillance of Ingalls when discovered in the act of repeating the offense of which he had once before been convicted. Friday afternoon Horago was seen purchasing Wine and the*

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<sup>126</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 28<sup>th</sup> February 1895

<sup>127</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 28<sup>th</sup> February 1895

*officer followed his movements quietly until he got to the Bailhache farm where he transferred it to an Indian. Ingalls suddenly emerged from his hiding-place and caught Horago unawares. Horago offered resistance to the officer and he came pugnacious. He attempted to strike Ingalls, but the latter was on his guard and with the muzzle of his revolver he viciously dealt a blow which felled the prisoner. At the same time the seven or eight Indians at the camp endeavored to close in upon the constable with the evident purpose of succoring Horago, but the pistol was leveled upon them and by that means Ingalls kept them at bay. The officer had no further trouble with his captive after he had handcuffed him and he was taken to the city jail where he was booked for furnishing alcoholic refreshments to the Diggers. His examination took place in Justice Pond's court yesterday and he was bound over to the Superior Court. Horago is a Chilean and aged about 40 years. He had been here since his discharge from the penitentiary."<sup>128</sup>*

*"Ernest B. Gregory paid a fine of eight dollars last Friday. Officer Ingalls placed a charge against him of violating the ordinance prohibiting bicycling on the sidewalks."<sup>129</sup>*

*"Frank Smith is the name which a minor, about 18 years of age, gave when he was on Sunday afternoon arrested and placed behind the bars of the city prison.*

*He is a criminal of the deepest dye—reckless and desperate—and dotes on the sensation of lawlessness. He came here Friday last, tramping from some point afar and claims to hail from Sacramento.*

*The crime for which he was taken prisoner is that of furnishing liquor to Indians. Constables Ingalls and Norton detected the youthful felon in the act of his misdeed, but the officers took compassion on him for his tender years and they believed him to be innocent of the fact that a penalty was inflicted for the act he had committed. They informed the lad that to give or sell liquor to Indians is a grave offense and punishable by a long term of imprisonment.*

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<sup>128</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 21<sup>st</sup> March 1895

<sup>129</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 18<sup>th</sup> April 1895

*The two officers took young Smith into their buggy and conveyed him some distance south of town and told him to make for other parts, else they would be obliged to bring him before the justice of the peace.*

*The officers left Smith in the road and returned. At the river bridge they were amazed to see the boy back again and despite the remonstrance of Ingalls and Norton he was again carrying wine or some other intoxicant to the redskins. The officers saw there was a determination of the young miscreant to defy the law and without further ceremony they arrested him and yesterday he was examined by Judge Bond who bound him over to the Superior Court.*

*Smith takes his situation with indifference and he is very much unconcerned as to his future.*

*He has confessed to Constable Ingalls to having served in the Whittier Reform School, from which institution he was discharged only recently.”<sup>130</sup>*

*“A plot to break jail in this city Friday night was frustrated by the acuteness of Officers Ingalls and Mason. At midnight the former was called to the wicket by the prisoners who asked him for water. They had all crowded up to the door when he appeared, but he refused to comply with their request until they would all go to the other side of the cells. They did so and he unlocked the door and entered. As he was about to pick up the bucket, in which to carry the water, the culprits rushed toward him with the evident purpose of overpowering him, but he single-handed held them at bay and made his exit safely, locking the door behind him. Suspecting that the prisoners were planning an escape Officer Mason was placed on watch in the hallway and, as it was anticipated they would do, the inmates of the jail began prying the iron bars of a window apart. The noise attracted the watchman and he was on the scene just in time to prevent the delivery. The next day Constable Norton discovered in the jail a sand-bag which was intended undoubtedly to brain Officer Ingalls with. The leaders in the plot were the two Indians held for assault upon Peter Alberigi.”<sup>131</sup>*

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<sup>130</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 30<sup>th</sup> May 1895

<sup>131</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 11<sup>th</sup> July 1895

*“Officers Ingalls and Norton made the second arrest this week for the grave offense of furnishing Indians liquor. From distant and elevated points the two officers observed a negro called commonly “Snowball” buy a bottle of wine and give it to some bucks. The arrest was made a few hours later and “Snowball” admitted having done as charged, but persists in standing trial. His true name is Albert James and his age is about 19 years. The prisoner will be examined before a Justice of the Peace tomorrow afternoon at two o’clock. “Snowball” has been circulating among the Indians at the river for several days and was very “chummy” with the young bucks. He will probably be sent to Whittier on account of his being a minor.”<sup>132</sup>*

*“Frustration is a bitter pill for Officer J.C. Ingalls and he will never cry quits if he undertakes to lick a whole mob. Last Friday, however, the young, ambitious and vigilant guardian of the peace was outwitted by a prisoner for the first time in his life and he has no hopes of redeeming himself in this case.*

*He and Deputy Constable Mason took the afternoon train for Santa Rosa with two “vags,” who were apparently meek and submissive and no necessity was felt to secure them with steel cuffs or any other articles intended to hold in restraint the use of the limbs of culprits.*

*The train had just pulled out of Windsor when the “vag” in the custody of Johnny Ingalls asked permission to go to the compartment in the corner of the car. His request was at first met with refusal. He did not abide by that rejoinder, but asked that privilege of Chris Mason, who sat with his “bird” on the other side of the aisle.*

*Chris did not object, and forthwith the prisoner meandered into the “salon.”*

*Suspecting that the culprit would endeavor to make his escape through the window in the toilet the “peanut butcher” stepped out on the platform and just in time to see the form of the prisoner shoot past as he let himself out of the window. The train was then moving at the rate of perhaps fifteen miles an hour. Mr. Ingalls’ attention was called to the incident and the train was stopped about a mile below to allow the protector of the law to get off and make pursuit.*

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<sup>132</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> October 1895



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*“John C. Ingalls can boast of having one of the prettiest little cottages in Healdsburg. It has just been completed. The dwelling is artistic, modern and replete with all new appurtenances and is an ornament to Center street which at once attracts the eyes of strangers.”*<sup>134</sup>

*“After flimflamming a number of people in Healdsburg, the country surrounding and the neighboring towns for about six weeks and augmenting his wealth about \$500 Lee Sin, a retined-looking and smooth-tongued Chinese, was arrested by the police of this city early Friday morning last for the operation of a lottery. His victims are mostly white people, but what Chinese were “taken in” on his game furnished the larger part of their fellow countrymen’s illicit proceeds and they entrusted to his honesty every cent they could rake and scrape together.*

*Lee is a very tony fellow and extremely shrewd for a Mongolian. His mode of operation was first to gain the confidence of various citizens in good standing and then distinguish himself from the set of the ordinary celestials by taking up quarters elsewhere than in a Chinese nouse. On his arrival here he endeavored to secure lodging and board at the leading hotels, but his patronage being rejected at both places he sought apartments at the Hotel Roma, an Italian boarding-house on Center street. This made quite an impression and his affable manner led many into the belief that he was above reproach. Even women, it is said, speculated in the game which was entirely in his destiny, and some are behind to an embarrassing extent.*

*Had his lottery scheme been bona-fide it is very likely that Mr. Sin’s business would have yet thrived, but it was discovered that the lottery tickets he sold were spurious and bore the name of a mythical institution, so somebody “squealed” and his swindling was avenged by his arrest.*

*Sin was taken into custody at 4:30 o’clock in the morning by Officers Mason and Ingalls and simultaneously they seized his outfit, which consisted of stamps, blank*

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<sup>133</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1896

<sup>134</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> January 1896

*tickets, etc. The prisoner was put in jail for safe-keeping and held there until he was arraigned on Tuesday, for he was unable to give bonds or put up cash bail, notwithstanding that he had been so successful. He plead guilty to the charge of engaging in the lottery business and was fined \$50, which he paid in a few hours. Lee Sin came here from Petaluma where he claimed he cleaned up \$7,000.”<sup>135</sup>*

*“In the election of a City Marshal the greatest bitterness of contention in the local campaign will be J.B. Leard will once more come before the people as a candidate for the office and he has the confidence in the number of his constituents that he will succeed himself again. For five terms he has served the city in this capacity, which is combined with the office of Tax Collector and Fire Warden, and he suggests several reasons why the voters should give his candidacy favorable consideration. John C. Ingalls, now acting deputy Marshal and one of the Nightwatchman, has signified his intention to run for the office of City Marshal, and he has equal confidence of winning the race. This will be an interesting race and neither will rest on his gun, but make a red hot fight “unto death.” This may be a triangular conflict if, as is reported, Chas. Bryan, Mr. Leard’s opponent two years ago, will enter the arena. He made a splendid run in the last election and was defeated by only a few votes. Apparently he has not lost any of his popularity since and should he make another effort for the place he will keep his opponents hustling and cause them no little uneasiness, and until the smoke of battle is cleared away no one can say who will be the man.”<sup>136</sup>*

*“J.C. Ingalls will be his only antagonist, Chas. Bryan, who was named by H.H. Pyne for City Marshal, having withdrawn from the contest. Mr. Ingalls long ago signified his aspirations and since then has been industriously canvassing among the citizens. His prospects of election, according to his view, are very good, though he will continue laboring for his cause relentlessly until the day of election is past. The general opinion is that this will be a close fight and a desperate one, too. Both have among their adherents prominent and influential men who will not let their*

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<sup>135</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 13<sup>th</sup> February 1896

<sup>136</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 12<sup>th</sup> March 1896

*endeavors wane on behalf of their respective choices until the ballots have been cast.*<sup>137</sup>

*“This election has had the effect of making but little change in the personnel of the Board of Trustees, but it has also had the effect of removing J.B. Leard from the office of City Marshal, which he filled for the last ten years continuously.*

*In the contest for City Marshal the rivalry was exceptionally hot and it was predicted as it turned out that it would be an exceedingly close race. Ingalls was elected by the small majority of ten votes, and it is said that this number would have been reduced some if some of Ben Leard’s adherents would have complied with the laws in respect to the manner in which the ballots should be marked. Ben Leard’s extended service in the office of City Marshal has, notwithstanding his defeat, been efficient and characterized by economy. While Mr. Ingalls can be relied upon to discharge the duties equally well, Ben’s disconnection with municipal functions will be deplored by all his friends. He leaves behind him a record of vigilance to which he can always point with pride; and what is more, he can truthfully refer to his economy as having saved the tax-payers many dollars every year by his judicious action in each and every case that had fallen into his hands.*

*Mr. Ingalls, who will succeed him, is known to all, and his capability is a matter of no question or doubt. He has been in service for more than two years as a police officer and nothing can be honestly said adversely to his fitness for the office to which he has been elected.*<sup>138</sup>

*“A hold-up was attempted Friday night at the railroad crossing on North street. A citizen was riding his “bike” there when he was confronted suddenly by a stranger who endeavored to obstruct his passage, but failed to do so. Officer Ingalls was promptly informed and the individual was run down at the same spot where he evidently was awaiting another opportunity to commit robbery. On the promise*

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<sup>137</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 19<sup>th</sup> March 1896

<sup>138</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 16<sup>th</sup> April 1896

*that he would leave town at once he was allowed to go, and the officer made sure that the unwelcome visitor had taken his departure.”<sup>139</sup>*

*“The Indians of Dry Creek valley were holding high revelry Sunday night on Hendricks’ place. Their war dance at the fandango was more spirited, their whoops more vociferous and their booze less limited than ever before.*

*John Dollar was there. He is known as the wickedest redskin in the country, having a record behind him that is as dark as pitch.*

*On this occasion he was full of animation and vivacity until he began to refresh himself with the contents of a jug. Then his lust for gore became so intense he could resist the temptation of tapping somebody’s body for blood no longer.*

*He selected Jack Wohaw for his victim and in the most violent form of ferociousness imbedded the blade of his knife into Jack’s body in the left and right sides and in the neck.*

*Wohaw was unprepared, the assault being made without provocation or warning and he was defenseless.*

*Monday morning the officers here were notified of the tragic end of the fandango and immediately went out to the scene. Wohaw was found to be in a critical condition, blood flowing internally from the three wounds. He had no medical care, but the other Indians were administering the best treatment they could.*

*Wohaw is believed to be so badly injured that he cannot survive.*

*John Dollar had taken to the hills and in spite of the close search made for him by Constables Ingalls and Norton no trace of his whereabouts can be found. They scoured the hills for him all day Monday and half the night, but in vain. He is perhaps with some of his friends who are keeping him in concealment.*

*Dollar was released eight months ago from San Quentin, where he served a term of four years for slaying one of the Juan boys, also an Indian, and is regarded as*

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<sup>139</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 16<sup>th</sup> April 1896

*the most dangerous character belonging to the digger tribe of Russian River valley.*"<sup>140</sup>

*"The office of pound-master was declared vacant and J. C. Ingalls was, appointed to fill the same."*<sup>141</sup>

*"Constables Ingalls and Norton on Monday evening captured the murderous Indian, Jack Wohaw, who made a vicious assault upon another digger with a knife some six weeks ago and nearly took his life, and is now in durance vile in this city. From the time of the affray Wohaw kept himself in secretion and the authorities lost all trace of him. Last Monday a dispatch was received here conveying the intelligence that Wohaw was seen in Geyserville. Forthwith the vigilant protectors of the law proceeded to that place. At Lytton Springs they espied him and the dusky George Halapa stealthily approaching from the opposite direction. The officers kept out of their view and found concealment behind a pile of ties. When the fugitive arrived where they were they emerged and seized him. He offered no resistance and was brought to the city Jail. It was afterward learned that Wohaw had planned to make his escape from the country, succored by Halapa and "Big Joe," but his little game was nipped in the bud. Halapa was to accompany him to a point south of Healdsburg where "Big Joe" would be in waiting with a spring wagon to convey him to some distant locality where his identity would be unknown. John Dollar, his victim, will doubtless recover from his injuries, though at the time of the affray they were considered fatal. It is quite likely the savage Wohaw will have another few years to toil within the mighty walls of the penitentiary on account of his warlike proclivities."*<sup>142</sup>

*"Baccini Dominico, a son of sunny Italy, who endeavored to rip the life out of a fellow countryman at Asti recently with a formidable keen edged instrument and fled his rendezvous, was captured in San Francisco the 17th inst. on description furnished by Constable Ingalls who went down to the metropolis, took him into custody and brought him to Healdsburg for trial. Dominico is a pugnacious fellow*

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<sup>140</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 30<sup>th</sup> July 1896

<sup>141</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 13<sup>th</sup> August 1896

<sup>142</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1896

*and when drunk he has irrepressible thirst for gory cocktails. His victim at the Italian-Swiss Colony was Cima Regolo and on the night of September 11th the two were playing cards when a dispute arose. Dominico was very much inebriated and decided to settle the wrangle summarily by doing away with Regolo. He cut him on the left arm, inflicting a gash four inches long, and made two or three thrusts upon his back, but each time the blade only penetrated Regolo's coat. Immediately after the affray when Dominico's sight of the blood pouring from the wound made him fearful of fatal results he decamped and went to San Francisco where he hoped to escape arrest. He was breathing the air of freedom for a few days, but Constable Ingalls traced up his whereabouts and the result was as already stated. Dominico's examination was set for yesterday and he was bound over to the Superior Court for trial. Not being able to furnish bonds he was remanded to the custody of the authorities. Some three or four months ago Dominico undertook to cut the soul of another Italian loose from this mundane sphere in San Francisco, but failed, and is wanted there to answer a charge of attempt to commit murder, and as soon as he pays the probable penalty for his misdeed at Asti he will be given over to police of the bay city."*<sup>143</sup>

*"Suit was instituted Friday last by A.M. Sawyer of Healdsburg against Constable J.C. Ingalls for the recovery of property valued at \$3000 besides \$1250 damages. Sawyer alleges Ingalls has possession of a butcher shop belonging to plaintiff."*<sup>144</sup>

*"Jim Reynolds, a professional "dynamiter," was captured last Sunday while performing an act of charity and will possibly be given three years time to reform in. The charitable act consisted of giving drink to the thirsty, but the drink happened to be red wine, and the thirsty were red men, therefore the arrest. Constables Ingalls and Norton did some clever detective work in catching the man, and arrested him just as he was handing the liquor to the Indians. Reynolds is a heavy-set man of Teutonic appearance. He has been hanging around the river for some time."*<sup>145</sup>

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<sup>143</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 29<sup>th</sup> October 1896

<sup>144</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 4<sup>th</sup> February 1897

<sup>145</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 19<sup>th</sup> August 1897

*“A band of gypsies came into town last Thursday, but Marshal Ingalls convinced them in short order that Healdsburg would not be a healthy place for them to remain in. The same gang was here last year, to the sorrow of a good many people of the town.”<sup>146</sup>*

*“Last Sunday morning Marshal Ingalls converted a wheelbarrow into a patrol wagon and took Jack Manuel, a howling specimen of a drunken Indian, to jail in it. Manuel is industriously trying to establish the record of spending more days in jail than any other citizen.”<sup>147</sup>*

*“Seventeen years ago Arthur Masterson was convicted of robbery in a Ukiah court and sentenced to five years in San Quentin. While on his way to the State prison he jumped overboard from the steamer James M. Donahue as she was entering the slip at San Francisco, and although he was hampered with an Oregon boot, he managed to secrete himself in a sewer and evade the officers. When Marshal Ingalls made the arrest he suspicioned that Masterson committed a recent robbery at Asti. A telephone message to Ukiah to identify Masterson, or Matthews, as he gave his name, developed his true identity. He was convicted in Judge Pond’s Court of the Asti robbery, for which he received a sentence of one day. He has been taken to San Quentin to serve his original sentence. Marshal Ingalls deserves all credit for the capture of Masterson, although the city papers give the honor to others.”<sup>148</sup>*

*“Two candidates are out for this office, J.C. Ingalls, the present incumbent, and George Seawell. Mr. Ingalls has made a most efficient officer during his term, and if chosen to succeed himself the people may rely on the same faithful services as in the past. Mr. Seawell has been acting as extra nightwatch for several years, and if promoted to the position of Marshal he will doubtless render good service.”<sup>149</sup>*

*“We are informed by unprejudiced citizens that John C. Ingalls has made one of the best Marshals that ever paced the streets of Healdsburg, and that this view is*

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<sup>146</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1897

<sup>147</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 18<sup>th</sup> November 1897

<sup>148</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 18<sup>th</sup> November 1897

<sup>149</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 31<sup>st</sup> March 1898

*largely concurred in is evidenced by the very flattering majority he received for that office.*<sup>150</sup>

*“Monday evening a gang of hobos were camped opposite the Redding residence on the river. Jugs of “dago red” were imbibed, which generated a free fight. Charles Stewart received two bad cuts on the face, one on the finger and a stab on the shoulder. A quartette of the men was arrested by Marshal Ingalls and Constable Norton. Three of them were taken to the county jail to be held as witnesses. James Collins, the knife-wielder, is in the city jail, and will have his hearing Friday.*<sup>151</sup>

*“An alarm of fire on Sunday night last at 11:30, startled the residents of the town who had just lapsed into their first slumbers.*

*The cause of the alarm proved to be a blaze in the house on Grant street, North Healdsburg, owned by Mr. Geo. Wheeler, but formerly the property of the Sinclairs. The house stands alone in the lot, and although the fire department was quickly on the spot, the fire had gained such headway that no attempt was made to extinguish the blaze, and the building was quickly reduced to ashes.*

*The fire was doubtless the work of an incendiary, and Marshal Ingalls and Constable Norton arrested Sam and Bob Sinclair upon suspicion for the crime. Sam Sinclair had been in liquor during the day and had made frequent threats that he would “get even” with somebody for being “swindled” out of his interest in the property which had lately passed out of their hands.*

*Anticipating trouble of some sort Officers Ingalls and Norton and Nightwatch Mason had kept Sam under surveillance. He was observed in the neighborhood of the property, and shortly afterward Nightwatch Mason saw a bright glare through the windows of the house. The door was forced open and the walls and canvas ceiling of the room were found to be ablaze, paper being scattered about the floor.*

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<sup>150</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 14<sup>th</sup> April 1898

<sup>151</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 14<sup>th</sup> July 1898



*Sam was soon discovered in hiding in the cornfield near the house, and was taken to the city prison and charged with the crime.*

*Bob was also on the spot at the beginning of the fire, and was arrested on suspicion of complicity.*

*The preliminary examination has been set for Saturday before Judge Pond.*<sup>152</sup>

*“Jim Reynolds was arrested by Marshal Ingalls last week for vagrancy, and on Thursday was sentenced by Judge Pond to serve fifteen days in the County Jail. Reynolds is a chronic offender, and three weeks ago completed a year’s term in San Quentin for selling liquor to Indians. He was taken to Sheriff Allen’s retreat by Constable Norton.”*<sup>153</sup>

*“Marshal Ingalls report showed seven arrests during the month, at an expense \$15.60 to the city. For conducting funeral services on one dog, the city was put to the expense of \$1 by the Marshal.”*<sup>154</sup>

*“Marshal Ingalls, the nominee for constable, has made the best peace officer Healdsburg ever had, it is admitted by all, and he will without question receive the support of a majority of the voters, irrespective of voters. Mr. Wm. Upson for outside constable is well qualified for the position, and if the peace of the township is entrusted to the care of two such competent officials as he and Marshal Ingalls, it will be well cared for.”*<sup>155</sup>

*“Marshal Ingalls brought in a couple of drunken hobos from North Healdsburg Monday evening and lodged them in the city jail for the night. In the morning they were glad to shake the dust of Healdsburg from their feet.”*<sup>156</sup>

*“Sam Sinclair was acquitted of the charge of arson last week and released from custody. While celebrating his good fortune Sunday he disturbed the peace of the citizens of Healdsburg, and was taken in charge by Marshal Ingalls. Monday he*

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<sup>152</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 21<sup>st</sup> July 1898

<sup>153</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 28<sup>th</sup> July 1898

<sup>154</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 4<sup>th</sup> August 1898

<sup>155</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 1<sup>st</sup> September 1898

<sup>156</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1898

*was sentenced by Judge Pond to ninety days in the County Jail, and was taken to Santa Rosa Tuesday by Marshal Ingalls.”<sup>157</sup>*

*“R. B. and J. D. Schintz of San Francisco created a disturbance around the Plaza Monday evening. In company with Joe Baker of Cloverdale and another party they were on their way by team to look at some Government land in the Citrus belt of Sonoma county, and stopped in Healdsburg to rest overnight. While here they imbibed pretty freely and became possessed of the idea that they could run the town. They soon ran against Marshal Ingalls, who landed them both in the city Jail in short order. An hour in the “cooler” had a wonderful effect, and from bragging bullies they became law-respecting citizens. Judge Pond fined them \$25 for disturbing the peace, which was furnished by Mr. Joe Baker and they left the prison in a milder manner than characterized their entrance.”<sup>158</sup>*

*“August Fiel was arrested Tuesday by Constable Ingalls for stealing a horse and cart. The prisoner formerly owned the rig, and sold it to a man in Yountville. A few days ago the man drove to town to see the circus, and put the horse and cart in a barn. Fiel took the rig from the barn and came to Healdsburg, where he was captured by Constable Ingalls. Constable Jesse Walters of Yountville took Fiel back yesterday.”<sup>159</sup>*

*“No better or more watchful peace-officer than John C. Ingalls ever paced the streets of Healdsburg. He is always to be found on duty, and the voters of this township will undoubtedly show that they appreciate faithful service by electing him as Constable on Tuesday next by a decided majority.”<sup>160</sup>*

*“Chris Mason and J.C. Ingalls were elected Constables.”<sup>161</sup>*

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<sup>157</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1898

<sup>158</sup><sup>158</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1898

<sup>159</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 13<sup>th</sup> October 1898

<sup>160</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1898

<sup>161</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> November 1898

*“John Ingalls and Chris Mason entered upon their official duties as constables of Mendocino township. Ed Haigh has been appointed deputy constable under Ingalls.”<sup>162</sup>*

*“Constable Ingalls has succeeded in recovering three sets of harness, which were stolen from the Bice ranch on the 1st of the month. He traced the harness to Sacramento, where it was found.”<sup>163</sup>*

*“Constable John Ingalls went to Santa Monica on Monday of last week and returned Friday with Charles McCann as a prisoner, who is wanted in Knights Valley district. Judge Bailey issued the warrant. Constable Ingalls never fails to get his man. The trial will be held in Knights Valley to-day.”<sup>164</sup>*

*“Last evening Constable John Ingalls arrested Alonzo Smith who escaped from the Napa Insane Asylum a few days age.”<sup>165</sup>*

*“Constable Ingalls went to Petaluma Friday and arrested a man named Staples, charged with stealing carpenter’s tools in Healdsburg.”<sup>166</sup>*

*“Thomas Welch, a nomad, played the nickel-in-the-slot machine at the Oak Lawn House one day last week and lost. He then made a demand for the return of his nickels, and as this demand was not complied with he stated that he would get even with the house and forthwith proceeded to smash a few window panes. He pleaded guilty to a charge of malicious mischief and was given a respite from labor and anxious thought about food and shelter by Justice Provines who sent him to the county hotel at Santa Rosa for a period of sixty days. Constable Ingalls took Welsh down Friday.”<sup>167</sup>*

*“Constable Ingalls returned last week from Portland, where he went with a requisition for the arrest of Albert Kraus. Constable Ingalls spent but a few hours*

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<sup>162</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 5<sup>th</sup> January 1899

<sup>163</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 16<sup>th</sup> March 1899

<sup>164</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 18<sup>th</sup> May 1899

<sup>165</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 18<sup>th</sup> May 1899

<sup>166</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 13<sup>th</sup> July 1899

<sup>167</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 28<sup>th</sup> September 1899

*in Portland, and left for Healdsburg with his prisoner by the first southbound train.”<sup>168</sup>*

*“Marshal Ingalls arrested two men on Friday last for battery on Wm, Gray. They paid ten dollars each for the fracas and were discharged.”<sup>169</sup>*

*“The Board of City Trustees met in adjourned session on Saturday evening last to investigate Marshal Ingalls charges against the manner in which L.L. Gale’s saloon had been conducted. A great many witnesses were examined, the testimony in every instance going to support Marshal Ingalls charges. Mr. Gale was present but had no witnesses in his own behalf, although the charges were denied by him. After the examination of the witnesses was completed Trustee Favor introduced a resolution rescinding Mr. Gale’s license. Trustee Merchant seconded the resolution and it was passed unanimously by the Board.”<sup>170</sup>*

*“J.C. Ingalls, our present popular City Marshal, is well known as a very efficient officer. He is also ex-officio Tax Collector. He has been a resident of our county nearly all of his life and in his capacity as a city and county officer won the respect William Upson of all of our citizens. He is also Constable, and is now serving his second term as City Marshal and Constable.”<sup>171</sup>*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Center Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a City Marshal.

*“J.C. Ingalls, who was a candidate for City Marshal at the recent election held in Healdsburg, has filed his statement of receipts and expenditures in connection with his campaign for that office. Mr. Ingalls states under oath that he did not receive any coin to assist him in his campaign; neither did he spend a “red cent.” He was elected by a large majority.”<sup>172</sup>*

*“Constable John Ingalls last Saturday was called on to make a trip thirty miles into the mountains toward the coast to arrest Francis G. Smith on an insanity charge,*

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<sup>168</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 12<sup>th</sup> October 1899

<sup>169</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 19<sup>th</sup> October 1899

<sup>170</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> November 1899

<sup>171</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 28<sup>th</sup> December 1899

<sup>172</sup> Press Democrat 24<sup>th</sup> April 1902

*sworn to by his wife. Constable Ingalls went to the Haigh ranch by buggy and from there was compelled to ride horseback the balance of the way, being accompanied by Charles Haigh. Just before reaching the home of the couple they were startled by the report of a gun from within the house, quickly followed by the appearance of Mrs. Smith, who rushed from the house screaming for help. Constable Ingalls entered the house, which was filled with smoke, but was unable to find Smith, who was soon discovered, however, running up a hill at the back of the house. He at once gave chase, and soon found the lunatic behind a clump of brush. The man had secured a butcher knife before leaving the house, and with it had gashed his throat and wrists, and was bleeding profusely from his wounds. At the command of Constable Ingalls Smith threw up his hands, and was soon handcuffed. From there back to the Haigh ranch, Constable Ingalls led Smith with a rope, Charley Haigh taking care of the horses. He reached Healdsburg with his prisoner securely bound Sunday afternoon.*

*The man was placed in the iron cell in the city jail, but managed to cheat the asylum of a patron by committing suicide some time during the night. The manner of his death showed that he was determined to end his existence. The iron cot in the cell swings down from the wall, and is supported at the outer ends by chains from the wall. Squeezing his body in between one end of the cot and the cell door, he then raised the cot, and forming a loop with the slack of the chain he inserted his head and then let the cot fall back. He also added to the weight of the cot by pressing down on it with his hands and his body as much as his cramped situation would allow. He was discovered Monday morning dead by Constable Ingalls.*

*Coroner Pierce held an inquest the same day and a verdict of strangulation by his own hand was rendered by the following jurors: Jesse Seaman, A.W. Smith, J.C. Keene, W.H. Priest J.L. Bates and R.K. Truitt. The deceased had lived in this vicinity for thirty years or more, and at one time conducted a vegetable garden near town. He went under the nickname of "Goat" Smith. He was about 55 years of age."<sup>173</sup>*

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<sup>173</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> May 1902

*“J.C. Ingalls tendered his resignation as City Marshal at the meeting of the Trustees Monday evening. Mr. Ingalls served the people in this capacity for two terms and resigns to accept a position with Wells, Fargo & Co. in San Francisco.”<sup>174</sup>*

*“Complaints have been made at Healdsburg charging two men with alleged illegal fishing in the waters of Dry Creek. The complaining witnesses are Deputy Fish Commissioners Ingalls and Lea. Ingalls was formerly marshal of the city of Healdsburg, and resigned that position to enter the Game and Fish Commission. It is alleged that the defendants in this case used a blast to catch salmon.”<sup>175</sup>*

*“Game Warden J.C. Ingalls in no respecter of person, and in the discharge of his duties all are served a like. As an evidence of this during his visit here Thursday he was showing a handsome blue plush jewel case containing a beautiful gold locked on which was engraved: “Presented to J.C. Ingalls for arresting the meanest man in Humboldt county.” Mr. Ingalls spent all of last week in that county and the fruits of his visit were eight arrests for violation of the game laws and in ouch case a conviction was secured, with heavy lines attached. One of the number presented the occasion for the presentation of the locket.”<sup>176</sup>*

*“John C. Ingalls of Healdsburg, who was formerly a deputy fish commissioner and a man who was fearless in the performance of his duty, was chosen as game warden of Sonoma county by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting Saturday. Mr. Ingalls has entered upon his duties. Offenders against the game laws will have to be very careful to escape the watchful eye of Mr. Ingalls.”<sup>177</sup>*

*“Yesterday Game Warden J.C. Ingalls arrested two well-known Petaluma men, Ed Allen and Joe Hopple, the former being a superintendent of mills in the city of little hills. They were charged with having trout in their possession and when taken before Justice King had to put up twenty dollars apiece for their sport.”<sup>178</sup>*

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<sup>174</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 25<sup>th</sup> July 1903

<sup>175</sup> Press Democrat 9<sup>th</sup> February 1904

<sup>176</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 27<sup>th</sup> January 1906

<sup>177</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 24<sup>th</sup> January 1907

<sup>178</sup> Press Democrat 16<sup>th</sup> March 1907

*“Deputy Sheriff Ben Barnes and Game Commissioner Ingalls arrested Fred Bice and Jeff Bledsoe on Wednesday of last week for killing a deer out of season. On the afternoon of that day, Deputy Sheriff Barnes received a telephone message from Frank Soules of Skaggs Springs section, who is also a deputy game warden, stating that he had evidence that Bice and Bledsoe had passed through the upper end of Dry Creek Valley in a rig with a deer carcass in their possession, but he had been unable to overtake them. Mr. Barnes immediately got into his buggy, and, as Game Commissioner Ingalls happened to be in town, he was informed of the case, and together they started up Dry Creek Valley to intercept the hunters. The latter, however, drove down the other side of the valley, from the Bloch crossing, and after ascertaining this fact, the officers proceeded to Mr. Bice’s residence south of town. There was a little preliminary word sparring when the officers and the hunters met, but the latter finally acknowledged that they had a deer carcass in their possession, and at the suggestion of Mr. Ingalls they promised to come to town the next day and call on Justice Raymond. They fulfilled their promise, and on the advice of the Justice they each contributed \$25 toward the expense of maintaining game wardens.”<sup>179</sup>*

*“District Attorney Clarence K. Lea went to Cazadero yesterday to be present at the arraignment of J.C. Ingalls, county game warden, charged with battery by W.B. Quigley in connection with the arrest of Fred Quigley some time since on a misdemeanor charge Ingalls was arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty, and the case was set for trial May 12. According to the story told by Quigley Ingalls arrested the boy without a warrant and he took hold of his son to prevent the officer taking him away. Quigley was thrown down in some manner and he claims Ingalls knocked him down, hence the warrant for his arrest.”<sup>180</sup>*

*“The Board of Supervisors on Thursday reappointed J.C. Ingalls, game warden of Sonoma county for the ensuing year.”<sup>181</sup>*

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<sup>179</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 13<sup>th</sup> June 1907

<sup>180</sup> Press Democrat 1<sup>st</sup> April 1908

<sup>181</sup> Press Democrat 8<sup>th</sup> January 1909

On the 18<sup>th</sup> August 1909, he married Mary Livernash in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

*“County Game Warden J.C. Ingalls calls attention to a recent county ordinance passed in February, 1899, prohibiting seining of all kinds in every river, stream or slough in the County of Sonoma, and making it a misdemeanor, and punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than fifty days or both such fine and Imprisonment. Mr. Ingalls states that he will see that the above ordinance is enforced to the limit of his ability and hereby warns all parties to that effect.”<sup>182</sup>*

On the 18<sup>th</sup> February 1910, he was appointed Postmaster of Healdsburg. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Postmaster. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home on Center Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1923, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### **Obituary<sup>183</sup>**

JOHN C. INGALLS DIES SUDDENLY AT CENTER ST. HOME DEATH CLAIMS RESIDENT OF CITY FOR ALMOST HALF CENTURY

While he was apparently convalescing from an illness of several weeks' duration, John C. Ingalls, for almost a half century a resident of Healdsburg, died suddenly Sunday at his home on Center street. Mr. Ingalls had been seriously ill with pneumonia, but apparently was recovering. He was sitting up Sunday when he was suddenly stricken, and died within a half hour. John C. Ingalls was a native of California, having been born in Contra Costa county on June 12, 1862. At the time of his death he was 60 years, 10 months and three days of age. He had lived In

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<sup>182</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 6th November 1909

<sup>183</sup> Healdsburg Tribune 16<sup>th</sup> April 1923



Healdsburg for 46 years, having been prominently identified with civic affairs of various kinds. He was for eight years postmaster of tills city. In the past few years he had retired from active life. His widow, Mrs. Mary Ingalls, survives him. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of Friendship Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which Mr. Ingalls was a member of many years' standing.

### **Constable/Marshal Charles Edward Jones**

Charles Edward Jones was born in January 1836 in Maine. In 1868, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Moore's Flat, Nevada County, California working as a Miner. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Grass Valley, Nevada County, California working as a Quartz Miner. In 1879, he is found on the Voter Register living in Sonoma County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on West Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a House Painter.

*"Our old Marshal, W.B. Reynolds, declined to run on account of his business engagements; he is a good arresting officer; Assistant Marshal Sewell was not elected to the vacancy because he was wanted in the old place, which he has filled so long, so honorably, and with such satisfaction to the solid business, property-owning element, and with such terror to evil-doers. Constable Jones ought to make a good Marshal; we shall see; he is certainly independent enough."*<sup>184</sup>

*"Peter Dirvin is night-watch now vice C.E. Jones resigned. We have been fortunate in securing as good a watchman as we have been able to do."*<sup>185</sup>

*"We are positively informed that there is a Chinese opium den in this city where several whites have contracted an incurable passion for the debasing drug. What are we to do about it? Later. —Marshal Jones raided the den on Tuesday evening*

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<sup>184</sup> Russian River Flag 17<sup>th</sup> May 1883

<sup>185</sup> Russian River Flag 11<sup>th</sup> October 1883

*last and found two whites in the premises. He captured considerable paraphernalia, and says he will break the business up if it takes all summer.”<sup>186</sup>*

In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Lakeport, Lake County, California working as a Painter. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Painter. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a House Painter. On the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1916, he passed away in Sonoma County, California.<sup>187</sup>

## **. Deputy Marshal William Stuart/Stewart Kerr**

William Stuart/Stewart Kerr was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1850 in Mansfield, Ohio to William Kerr and Jane Vail. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Yankee Inn, Placer County, California. Sometime around 1873, he married Melinda Williams<sup>188</sup>. In 1874, his daughter was born in Knights Landing, Sonoma County, California.

*“Petitions of W.S. Kerr sad J.S. Eikenbary, to be appointee City Marshal, were received and placed on file. Leard went into election for City Marshal for the unexpired term of J.M. Patrick, resigned, which resulted in the Choice of W.S. Kerr, his bonds being fixed at \$500. Mr. Kerr came forward, was qualified and entered upon his duties as City Marshal.”<sup>189</sup>*

*“On Christmas Eve the residence of Constaple Rupe, in Santa Rosa, was burglarized, and the following day Mr. Rupe started in pursuit of the offenders. He heard of some suspicious characters coming up this way, and last Thursday evening, with the assistance of Marshal Kerr and Deputy Sewell, of this city, he captured four men in Healdsburg, and found upon their persons some of his missing articles of clothing—they also had among them three revolvers. They gave*

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<sup>186</sup> Russian River Flag 18<sup>th</sup> October 1883

<sup>187</sup> Obituary is in the Santa Rosa Republican 15<sup>th</sup> December 1916

<sup>188</sup> Daughter of William Madison Williams and Martha Ann Foster

<sup>189</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 21<sup>st</sup> November 1878

*their, names as Charles Monroe, Thomas Hamilton, Wm. Anderson and James Flynn. On the morning following their arrest T.W. Proctor found a lady's valuable gold watch and chain on one of the streets of our city. He gave general publicity to the fact and ordered advertisements in both Healdsburg papers, in hope of finding the owner. Sheriff Dinwiddie, hearing of it, came up and described a watch and chain lately stolen from the residence of Judge Wallace, Napa, and the one found by Mr. Proctor proved to be the same. It was undoubtedly thrown away by one of the men arrested; a pair of gold sleeve buttons was found in the tins that conveyed them to the depot. The prisoners are now lodged in the county jail.*"<sup>190</sup>

*"Constable Rupe requests us to say that he is greatly indebted to Marshal Kerr and Deputy Marshal Sewell, of Healdsburg, for their assistance in capturing the parties who burglarized his house. He finds them faithful and efficient officers, ready and willing to spend time and money, and to risk life and limb, to apprehend crime and bring criminals to justice. He also states that their salaries are hardly commensurate to the amount of labor to be performed.*"<sup>191</sup>

*"Francisco, once Chief of a large tribe in this valley, and who bears quite a bad reputation, was arrested near Healdsburg on Tuesday last by Marshal Kerr and Sheriff Dinwiddie for complicity in the murder. The evidence against him is said to be strong."*<sup>192</sup>

In 1879, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Real Estate Agent. Sometime before 1883, his wife Melinda passed away. On the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1882, he married Mary Eliza Thompson<sup>193</sup> in Oakdale, California. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Butte County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he was making his home in Chico, California. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1921, he passed away in San Leandro, California.

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<sup>190</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1879

<sup>191</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1879

<sup>192</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1879

<sup>193</sup> Daughter of Jesse Jackson Tannehill and Miranda Caroline Isham

## Nightwatchman Richard Kinsman

Richard Kinsman was born in May 1846 in Mineral Point, Wisconsin to Josef (Joseph) G. Kinsman and Mary Ann Yeoman. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Linden, Iowa County, Wisconsin.

*“R. Kinsman, Night-watch, 28 days”<sup>194</sup>*

*“The bill of R. Kinsman for \$50 salary as night watchman was passed and allowed.”<sup>195</sup>*

*“R. Kinsman, salary as night watchman, \$10.”<sup>196</sup>*

In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Miner.

*“Two Windsorites came into our city last night, and after imbibing rather freely, proceeded to “take the town,” but Nightwatchman Kinsman succeeded in “taking” one of them and lodged him in the city cooler. He was released on bail this morning and is to appear before Judge Coffman this afternoon for trial.”<sup>197</sup>*

*“R. Kinsman and H. McLane each made application for the appointment of Night Watch. Their communications were received and placed on file, but no action was taken thereon.”<sup>198</sup>*

*“A young man named Frank Woods was found lying in the road near the depot late Sunday evening covered with dust and bleeding freely from a wound in the head. Upon investigation, it was discovered that he was intoxicated, and had received his wound by falling from the horse which he was riding. He was not badly hurt and was taken in charge by night watchman Kinsman, who lodged him*

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<sup>194</sup> Russian River Flag 9<sup>th</sup> June 1886

<sup>195</sup> Russian River Flag 4<sup>th</sup> August 1886

<sup>196</sup> Russian River Flag 8<sup>th</sup> December 1886

<sup>197</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 20<sup>th</sup> April 1888

<sup>198</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> May 1888

*in jail, where he was allowed to sleep off the effects of the liquor he had too freely imbibed.*<sup>199</sup>

*“Richard Kinsman was chosen his own successor as night watchman.”*<sup>200</sup>

*“C.F.W. Schnelle was sentenced to 25 days imprisonment in the County Jail by Judge Coffman last Wednesday, for assault and battery upon police officer R. Kinsman, while in a state of hilarious intoxication. Marshal Leard took him to Santa Rosa the same day.”*<sup>201</sup>

*“Chas Webber was arrested by Officer Kinsman, Tuesday night, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon Chas. F. Raymond, Jr. Webber was under the influence of liquor when he attempted to strike Raymond with a seven-inch dirk-knife after they had had a scuffle. Webber was arraigned before Justice Coffman Wednesday, and pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to 150 days in the county jail.”*<sup>202</sup>

*“A gunning party consisting of Dick Kinsman, Wm. McClusky, T.L. Neely, Wm. Gordon, Chas. Jones, Aleck Shoehart, Andy Shoehart and John Shoehart, went to Hassell's ranch, above Skaggs Springs Sunday where they hunted game for several days with splendid success. They returned with five deer, 25 squirrels and forty pounds of honey, which they found in a tree, after our efficient officer Kinsman had safely retreated from a charge of the irate insects.”*<sup>203</sup>

*“Night watchman Kinsman has been off duty for several days past on account of illness. He is better now and will soon be able to go his regular nightly rounds.”*<sup>204</sup>

*“There was considerable stir and hustle in Court circles thin week. The cases that attracted the greatest attention were those of the People vs. Willie Young for assault and battery, and the People vs. Harry Garrett for vulgar language. The defendants were arrested last week for the alleged offenses, and upon*

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<sup>199</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 30<sup>th</sup> May 1888

<sup>200</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 4<sup>th</sup> July 1888

<sup>201</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 21<sup>st</sup> July 1888

<sup>202</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 6<sup>th</sup> October 1888

<sup>203</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 13<sup>th</sup> October 1888

<sup>204</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 11<sup>th</sup> May 1889

*arraignment plead not guilty and, each demanding a jury trial, the cases were postponed to Wednesday and Thursday of this week, respectively.*

*On Wednesday afternoon the case against Willie Young, charged with assaulting Officer Kinsman, was called in the Police Court. The court-room was packed with jurors, witnesses and curious spectators, J.W. Rose appeared for the people and Edward Norton for the defendant. A jury was obtained with difficulty and counsel finally accepted eight men, good and true, to try the issue.*

*After a protracted siege of examining witnesses and arguing, the matter was submitted at a late hour to the jury. Several ballots were taken, each with the same result. Seven were for conviction and one was for acquittal. As the solitary jurymen would not yield his individual opinion after four hours of earnest persuasion, the judge was called, a disagreement impossible of compromise was announced, and the jury was discharged. The case will be re-tried within thirty days. The case of Harry Garrett for an alleged use of vulgar language was, on motion, dismissed.”<sup>205</sup>*

*“A special meeting of the City Council was called by Mayor White Tuesday evening for the purpose of appointing a police officer to succeed R. Kinsman, resigned. There were several candidates for the office and after balloting twice, Wm. Cook, having the majority of votes, received the appointment.”<sup>206</sup>*

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working in Mining.

*“Four candidates are in the field for the office of nightwatchman. They are W.W. Cook (now serving), T.A. Ingalls, Joe McCarthy and R. Kinsman. The last-named was on the local force some four years ago and resigned for reasons better known to himself.”<sup>207</sup>*

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<sup>205</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> March 1890

<sup>206</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 15<sup>th</sup> March 1890

<sup>207</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> May 1894

*“Applications from J.C. Ingalls, W.W. Cook, R. Kinsman and Warren Hall for the position of night watchman was read, and upon a ballot being taken, Ingalls received 3 votes, Cook 1 and Kinsman 1. Ingalls was duly declared elected.”<sup>208</sup>*

In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. In 1898, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Rock Creek, Placer County, California working as a Gold Miner.

*“Dick Kinsman arrived in Healdsburg from Woodland Tuesday evening. Mr. Kinsman was formerly night watch of this city for a number of years, and has many friends here. This is his first visit in six years.”<sup>209</sup>*

*“Dick Kinsman, formerly nightwatch of Healdsburg, has returned to his old home, after an absence of several years in the mines of Placer county. He is assisting in the rebuilding of Greater Healdsburg.”<sup>210</sup>*

When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Santa Rosa Ward 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer for the Gas Works. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Santa Rosa Ward 2, Sonoma County, California as an Inmate at the County Farm and Hospital. On the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1928, he passed away in Ukiah, Mendocino County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### **Obituary<sup>211</sup>**

Richard Kinsman, a resident of Healdsburg many years ago and at one time night watchman here, died in Ukiah this morning according to word reaching local people. Kinsman, whose wife was buried here several years ago, had resided in Ukiah about two years, prior to that he lived in Santa Rosa. He was a member of

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<sup>208</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 7<sup>th</sup> June 1894

<sup>209</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1906

<sup>210</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 17<sup>th</sup> May 1906

<sup>211</sup> Healdsburg Tribune 24<sup>th</sup> January 1928

Healdsburg Lodge, No. 64, I.O.O.F. and the funeral services here Thursday will be directed by the lodge. Interment will be in Oak Mound cemetery.

### Obituary<sup>212</sup>

Richard (Dick) Kinsman, who many years ago served as a Nightwatchman, in this city, died in Ukiah Tuesday morning. He had been living in Ukiah for the past few years, and previous to that time had lived in Santa Rosa. He was a member of the local order of Odd Fellows. The funeral was held Thursday, the Odd fellows conducting the services. Interment was in Oak Mound cemetery where the remains were placed beside those of his wife who passed away in this city many years ago.

### Deputy Marshal/Marshal George Lawrence

George Lawrence was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 1830 in Bellville, Canada. In 1859, he left Canada bound for California travelling by sea around Cape Horn. On the 4<sup>th</sup> May 1861, he married Lucinda Wheeler in Dry Creek (Outside Healdsburg), Sonoma County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Saddler. On the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1871, he was naturalized as a United States Citizen.

*"Geo. Lawrence, for services as Commissioner on Mason street, \$4."*<sup>213</sup>

*"Geo. Lawrence has been appointed Deputy Marshal of the city of Healdsburg."*<sup>214</sup>

*"Henry Holmes has purchased the interest of George Lawrence in the old stand north of the Sotoyome House, but both can always be found by their old friends and patrons at the same place."*<sup>215</sup>

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<sup>212</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 26<sup>th</sup> January 1928

<sup>213</sup> Russian River Flag 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1876

<sup>214</sup> Russian River Flag 30<sup>th</sup> May 1878

<sup>215</sup> Russian River Flag 15<sup>th</sup> August 1878



*“Marshal Patrick, who has served this city so long and so efficiently, has resigned and will go northward soon. Geo. Lawrence holds the position, being assistant, and would be a popular officer. We shall give fuller notice next week.”<sup>216</sup>*

*“J.M. Patrick, City Marshal and Nightwatch, tendered his resignation, which was accepted; George Lawrence appointed to fill vacancy pro tem.”<sup>217</sup>*

On the 7<sup>th</sup> November 1878, he was appointed as Marshal of Healdsburg to fill the vacancy of Marshal Patrick resignation.

*“Geo. Lawrence, Dep. Marshal, handed in his resignation, which was accepted.”<sup>218</sup>*

In 1879, he is found on the Voter Register living in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Saddler.

*“George Lawrence came up from the city this week to visit family. He was accompanied by Mrs. W.W. Sales.”<sup>219</sup>*

*“James Goddard, who for 16 months past has been foreman in Davis' saddlery and harness establishment, San Francisco, has come to Healdsburg to take a rest. George Lawrence has succeeded to Mr. Goddard's position.”<sup>220</sup>*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Mission Street in San Francisco, California working as a Saddler. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register living at 626 Jessie Street in San Francisco, California working as a Harness Maker. On the 26<sup>th</sup> September 1894, he passed away in Alameda County, California.

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<sup>216</sup> Russian River Flag 7<sup>th</sup> November 1878

<sup>217</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 7<sup>th</sup> November 1878

<sup>218</sup> Russian River Flag 21<sup>st</sup> November 1878

<sup>219</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 26<sup>th</sup> June 1879

<sup>220</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 14<sup>th</sup> August 1879

## Obituary<sup>221</sup>

George Lawrence, for several early years a citizen of Healdsburg where he was widely known and well thought of, died suddenly Wednesday morning last week at his home in Alameda. He succumbed to dropsy of the heart, with which he suffered some time. In Healdsburg Mr. Lawrence was in the harness business and was a successful tradesman. He was one of the original members of the band which merged into the Sotoyome band some thirteen years ago after he had given up his home here and moved to San Francisco. He was always foremost in aiding matters which were conducive of enlivening the town and he took an active interest in everything which was in the welfare of the community. George Lawrence was born in Bellville, Canada, in 1830, where he lived till he had attained the stage of manhood. During the gold boom Mr. Lawrence migrated to California, coming to this State by water and around Cape Horn. In '59 he and Lorinda Wheeler, who then lived in Placer county, were married and to them was born a daughter, Mrs. L.E. Allen of San Francisco. Fifteen years ago when Mr. Lawrence removed to San Francisco he took a position in a large wholesale harness house which he held for many years. Just before he died he prepared to come up here on a visit. The remains were buried in Oak Mound cemetery last Friday afternoon.

## Marshal/Deputy Sheriff James Benson Leard

James Benson Leard was born in March 1842 in Illinois to Robert Leard and Phoebe Carr. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in District 27, Daviess County, Missouri. On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1863, he registered for the Civil War Draft in Geyserville, Sonoma County, California. On the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1878, he married Arminta A. Newland<sup>222</sup> in Sonoma County, California.

*“Among other officers to be elected next Wednesday are two Justices and two Constables for this township. The candidates for Justice are Jirah Luce and J.P.*

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<sup>221</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 4<sup>th</sup> October 1894

<sup>222</sup> Daughter of John K. Newland and Isabella Packwood

*Price, present incumbents, and J. P. Emerson. They are all competent and a good choice is bound to result. A recent uncalled for insinuation against Mr. Emerson, from a certain source, ought to, if anything, give him greater strength. The candidates for constable are J.S. Bell, J.B. Leard and W.P. Snook. They, also, are competent—each and every one of them.”<sup>223</sup>*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on East Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Butcher.

*“For Marshal J.L. Sewell withdrew early in the day with the understanding that all parties were favorable to making him Assistant-Marshal and City Night-Watchman; and thus Wm. B. Reynolds was handsomely reelected.”<sup>224</sup>*

*“A couple of Santa Rosa fast “bloods” paid our burg a visit last Saturday and Sunday. Marshal Leard introduced them to the accommodations of our new city prison.”<sup>225</sup>*

*“The bill of J.B. Leard, for services as City Marshal, for 43 meals furnished, and for one policeman’s “leader” purchased, amounting in the aggregate to \$61.50, was passed and allowed.”<sup>226</sup>*

*“There is a city ordinance prohibiting saloons from keeping open after 12 o’clock at night. Last Wednesday Peter Alberigi answered to a charge of violating the ordinance, having been arrested by Marshal Leard, he pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$8.”<sup>227</sup>*

*“The city ordinance prohibiting the keeping open of saloons after 12 o’clock at night is giving considerable trouble to those who dispense a little liquor for the stomach’s sake. On Monday J.F. Grater, M. Rockefeller and Henry Fried were arrested by Marshal Leard for violating the ordinance. Rockefeller and Grater*

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<sup>223</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 28<sup>th</sup> August 1879

<sup>224</sup> Russian River Flag 12<sup>th</sup> May 1881

<sup>225</sup> Russian River Flag 19<sup>th</sup> May 1886

<sup>226</sup> Russian River Flag 4<sup>th</sup> August 1886

<sup>227</sup> Russian River Flag 1<sup>st</sup> September 1886

*promptly pleaded guilty before Justice Baker and paid a fine of \$8 each. Fried asked to plead Tuesday. Yesterday Fried also pleaded guilty and was fined \$8.*"<sup>228</sup>

*"City Marshal Leard brought the information to the FLAG office yesterday that the police officers have discovered the chicken thieves who have been operating in Healdsburg for some time past. The thieves are boys, and on account of their youth the officers have arrested but one of them. No charge was entered against the boy arrested, and after being kept in jail a short time he was released with a warning to do better. City Marshal Leard states that he is willing to give the young thieves a chance to reform, but if any more thefts occur he will arrest and prosecute every one of them. He knows all of them, and is keeping a watch on them.*"<sup>229</sup>

*"S.T. May was arrested on the 16th inst. by City Marshal Leard and charged with assault to do great bodily harm. His trial was set for the 19th, at which he was discharged for want of evidence to convict. Geo. Crocker was also arrested by City Marshal Leard and charged with using loud and opprobrious language. He was convicted and fined \$7.*"<sup>230</sup>

*"Mr. J.B. Leard our present City Marshal, seeks a re-election. He has proved himself a capable officer, honest and fearless in the discharge of his duties. He will be re-elected without doubt.*"<sup>231</sup>

*"I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Marshal of the city of Healdsburg at the Municipal election to be held April 9, 1888. As regards my qualification etc., for said position, I have always had the interest of our city in view and will let the future be judged by the past. J.B. Leard.*"<sup>232</sup>

*"J.B. Leard, the city marshal elect, wishes us to state that in future any, and all stock found loose on the streets of Healdsburg, will be impounded and the ordinance relating to this part of the city government will be strictly enforced.*

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<sup>228</sup> Russian River Flag 6<sup>th</sup> October 1886

<sup>229</sup> Russian River Flag 24<sup>th</sup> November 1886

<sup>230</sup> Russian River Flag 24<sup>th</sup> November 1886

<sup>231</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 4<sup>th</sup> April 1888

<sup>232</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 4<sup>th</sup> April 1888

*Heretofore he has exercised every leniency possible, but owing to numerous complaints he will be compelled to adhere strictly to the law.”<sup>233</sup>*

*“Marshal Leard has had the walks through the square cleared of dry grass during the past week. Ben makes a good Marshal and does all in his power toward improving the streets and walks, often at a sacrifice of his own time and labor.”<sup>234</sup>*

*“Marshal Leard has been promoted, and he has deserved it. Recognizing his efficient service to the public, Sheriff Colgan has appointed him his Deputy for this district.”<sup>235</sup>*

*“Marshal Leard, of the city, and Deputy Sheriff Groshong, of Santa Rosa, have added much to their reputations as criminal hunters by the capture of the young Indian Tom Waho, who it is supposed murdered Tom Porferio, another Indian, while engaged in a quarrel near this city last fall. Waho had been hiding in the mountains near the Gualala River, about 35 miles from this city. Several trips to his hiding place had been made by the officers, but the capture of the Indian could not be effected. On their last trip they were more successful, and as the Indian was in the act of procuring food from a house nearby, the officers ordered him to give himself up. He was brought to town and lodged in the city prison to await an examination, which will take place before Judge Coffman today. While we heartily appreciate the proficiency of Messrs Leard and Groshong as criminal hunters, we cannot but think that in this case they acted with too much consideration for the poor Indians in this vicinity, and with not enough for Marshall Lowrey and his posse. They have destroyed every vestige of the glory that would have almost buried Lowrey, had he succeeded in taking from under the very noses of the authorities of this city this criminal, but he can hug himself with the consoling thought that if he did not succeed it was not his fault, and like the man that the bull tossed over the fence, he had a good laugh before it was proved that he had captured an innocent person. This capture further strengthens the belief that the*

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<sup>233</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 13<sup>th</sup> April 1888

<sup>234</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1888

<sup>235</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 6<sup>th</sup> April 1889

*officers of this city are perfectly competent to care for all its law breakers without the assistance of Santa Rosa.”<sup>236</sup>*

*“Marshal J.B. Leard has been appointed an officer on behalf of the Humane Society of San Francisco. A good appointment in a good cause.”<sup>237</sup>*

*“J.B. Leard, the City Marshal reported that the City Jail was without sufficient bedding. The Marshal, was authorized to purchase the required articles.”<sup>238</sup>*

*“On Sunday morning Marshal Leard was informed by an Indian that a murder had been committed in an old house on the Luellan Hall place, near Litton Springs. The Marshal immediately repaired to the house in question. After a diligent search of the premises and surrounding country without discerning any evidence of the murder, he concluded that it had been another false report, and started to return. When about half way to town he met an Indian called “Ferdenand,” who informed Dim that a murder had been committed and that he, Ferdenand, had witnessed the murderer bury his victim under the floor of the house. The Marshal came on into town and securing the services of Mr. Wilson he returned to the scene of the murder, after obtaining Ferdenand to point out the spot where the victim was buried. On removing the flooring he failed yet to discover the body of the murdered man or evidence that the ground had been disturbed. The Marshal then ordered the Indian to dig in the spot where he had said the body had been buried. After removing some of the earth the feet of a human body were exposed to view. It then required but a short time to remove the body of an Indian known about town as “Joe Moreo.” While the Marshal and his assistants were at work uncovering the body, one of the Indians about the place stated that the murderer was returning to the house. When he had arrived within hearing distance of the house some of the Indians began to make a noise, presumably to attract his attention and inform him that the Marshal was present. Anticipating this move on the part of the Indians, the Marshal informed them that if they did not be still he would hurt them; and thus unwanted, the murderer continued to approach until*

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<sup>236</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 1<sup>st</sup> May 1889

<sup>237</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 14<sup>th</sup> August 1889

<sup>238</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 5<sup>th</sup> February 1890

*when within a hundred yards or so of the house, he espied the Marshal's team, which was tied in front of the house, and turning he made for the woods at the top of his speed. The wily Marshal, however, was not thus to be cheated of his victim, and jumping into his buggy gave chase. After an exciting race of some distance the Indian was overtaken and handcuffed and brought to this city, and lodged in the City Jail. A coroners jury was summoned on Monday morning, and visited the scene of the killing, when the following facts were deduced: On Saturday evening the Indians had obtained a supply of wine from a winery in this city, and had repaired .to the house in question to have a general good time. After drinking and carousing for some time, the majority of them fell into a drunken sleep. "Big Jim," as he is called, however, continued his carousal and finally threatened to kill several of the squaws present; they fled the premises and escaped the execution of his knife. He then turned his attention to "Joe Moreo," and without a word of warning, or the least provocation, plunged his knife into his heart. He then informed "Ferdenand" that ho would also kill him, and would more than likely have made good his throat had not the wife of "Ferdenand" taken the knife from his pocket. He then dragged the body of his victim into the adjoining room, first admonishing those present that if they entered the room where he was he would kill them. Removed the flooring with an ax and scooping a hole in the loose earth with his hands deposited the body of the murdered man where it remained until discovered by Marshal Leard. Alter disposing of the body and washing up the blood spots on the floor, "Big Jim" made for the woods and kept himself hid until the pangs of hunger forced him to come from cover, and he was then captured by Marshal Leard. A post mortem examination of the body made by Dr. Swisher disclosed the fact that the knife had penetrated the body immediately below the left nipple, had entirely severed two ribs and almost severed the lower part of the heart. Death must have resulted instantly."<sup>239</sup>*

*"On Monday Marshal Leard arrested an Indian named Andrew Slocum on a charge of perjury. The offense is alleged to have been committed by the prisoner at the examination of Big Jim for the killing of Joe Moreo, where he testified that he saw the fatal affray, which was in direct opposition to his testimony at the*

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<sup>239</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 19<sup>th</sup> February 1890

*coroner's inquest where he declared under oath that ho did not see the affray. The prisoner had his examination before Justice Coffman on Thursday and, in default of bail, was committed to the county prison to await trial in the Superior Court."*<sup>240</sup>

*"In this issue we publish a card from J.B. Leard announcing himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Town Marshal. Ben has made a good officer; the duties of his office have been performed with promptness and dispatch He has shown that he is perfectly capable of filling the office, and as a reward of his faithfulness he asks that he be re-elected. The public interests have been faithfully guarded during his occupancy of the office, and by the persistency and vigor with which he has pursued and overtaken evil-doers, has not only added greatly to his reputation, but has made his name a power among law breakers. By his re-election the equal and judicial administration of the affairs of the office may be perpetuated. Consider well his claims before casting your ballot."*<sup>241</sup>

*"J.B. Leard announces himself a candidate for City Marshal in this issue. Ben has served the town well and deserves re-election."*<sup>242</sup>

*"Last Saturday morning two youngsters, aged 6 and 9 years, boldly entered the house on Center street near Powell, occupied by Henry Suzuki, a Japanese in the employ of Sam Meyer, and stole six dollars which was wrapped in paper and concealed in a table drawer. With thin boodle the boys resorted to candy and fruit stores where they spent \$1.75 for refreshments.*

*They then had \$4.25 left, with which they intended to invest in "sneaks," a kind of foot apparel used by the burglary profession, and went to lagan's shoe store.*

*"Want to get a pair of sneaks," said one. "How much?"*

*"One dollar," replied Mr. Logan.*

*Each of the boys gave thee dealer a dollar and walked off.*

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<sup>240</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> March 1890

<sup>241</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 26<sup>th</sup> March 1890

<sup>242</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 29<sup>th</sup> March 1890



*“Hold on,” said Mr. Logan, “they’re only one dollar.”*

*“Well, then give us two pairs,” remarked the senior house-breaker.*

*“All right, my little lads,” said Mr. Logan. “By the way,” he continued, “where did you get all this money?”*

*“Where d’ye s’pose? worked for it, of course,” replied they in a convincing way.*

*They then had \$2.25. With this they left for a dry goods store and made another investment in luxuries—silk stockings. Now their stolen treasure was entirely absorbed by their liberal disbursements and they repaired to their homes. On Monday the little fellows confessed their crime to City Marshal Leard, who made the youthful miscreants promise never to do it again, and released them from Law’s clutches.”<sup>243</sup>*

*“Upon the reading of City Marshal Leard’s report Captain Young complained of the large number of arrests which were made during the preceding month and made a motion that the President appoint a committee of three to investigate whether all the arrests were necessarily made. Motion carried and President Young appointed Rosenberg, Fried and J.S. Young to act upon that committee.”<sup>244</sup>*

*“Marshal Leard has secured the services of an expert dog-catcher from San Francisco who greatly amuses the idlers with his skillful maneuvers.”<sup>245</sup>*

*““Colorado Sam” resigned his office of dog-catcher, deputized by Marshal Leard. He says every time he impounded a dog he was assailed by its owner. However “striking” the occupation is, it is very discouraging.”<sup>246</sup>*

*“Geo. Cornet was arrested by Marshal Leard Monday for discharging a gun within the corporate limits. He plead guilty before Judge Coffman and a fine of \$5 was imposed upon him.”<sup>247</sup>*

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<sup>243</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1890

<sup>244</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> October 1890

<sup>245</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 20<sup>th</sup> November 1890

<sup>246</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 27<sup>th</sup> November 1890

<sup>247</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 15<sup>th</sup> January 1891

*“Marshal Leard had the chain gang at work sweeping West street on Monday.”<sup>248</sup>*

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a City Marshal.

*“Ben Leard vanquished the other two candidates for marshal by a snug number, however his re-election was expected by nearly everybody.”<sup>249</sup>*

*“The new compensation for the city marshal, as enacted at the last City Council, is meeting with general approval. Our present marshal, Ben Leard, is always on the alert and he is fully deserving of the salary, \$60 per month.”<sup>250</sup>*

*“Marshal Leard stated that to prevent the breeding of disease it is necessary to cleanse the jail by flooding it with water, but there is no means of carrying the water away. The matter was left to the Street Committee.”<sup>251</sup>*

*“Marshal Leard has been appointed agent of Sonoma county for the California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The society could not have made a better choice.”<sup>252</sup>*

*“Wednesday night a week Marshal Leard and his deputy, L. A. Norton, took into their custody the ex-policeman Jim Stinson, better known as ‘Windy Jim,’ at the instance of his landlady, Mrs. C. J. Lelouarn, in whose presence he used profane language. The prisoner made no resistance of arrest and marched to the bastille with little concern. He objected, however, to being confined in jail like an “ordinary” criminal and sent out a couple of men to hunt up sureties for his appearance in court, but they were not to be found and he had not ample funds on hand to put up cash bail, consequently he was compelled to go behind the bars. The next day he was arraigned before Justice Coffman on the charge, and when the testimony of the plaintiff and her two little sons was heard he was assigned to the county jail for three months without the alternative of a fine. Stinson came here about three years ago from Petaluma, where, it is rumored, he was tendered*

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<sup>248</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1891

<sup>249</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 14<sup>th</sup> April 1892

<sup>250</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 26<sup>th</sup> May 1892

<sup>251</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 5<sup>th</sup> January 1893

<sup>252</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 12<sup>th</sup> January 1893

*an invitation by the citizens to make his residence elsewhere. Shortly afterward he look up his quarters at Mrs. Lelouarn's house in North Healdsburg, but only until lately did he compensate the lady for his board and lodging, when he furnished her with a few groceries occasionally. Mrs. Lelouarn is a widow, the mother of three young children and is a cripple. She depends on washing and housework for a livelihood. A week before Stinson's arrest she alleges that he assailed her. That afternoon she had been at work for Mrs. A. L. Paul, assisting her in moving and when she returned home she found that Stinson had barred her out by fastening the door. When she forced it open the monster grasped her by the throat and she might have been strangled had not her son, Henry, come to her assistance with a table fork, with which he punctured the flesh over Stinson's left eye. Of late Stinson had been drinking heavily and the neighbors say that such disturbances were of frequent occurrence. His absence from Healdsburg is generally hailed with delight."<sup>253</sup>*

*"On last Sunday evening, on the sandbar below town, John York, an Indian half breed, while under the influence of liquor wounded a companion named Jim San Diago by cutting him in the abdomen with a large dirk-knife, from the effects of which he has since died. Early Monday morning Marshal Leard was informed that a cutting affray had taken place between the Indians and in all probability one had been killed. The Marshal immediately proceeded to the place and undertook to arrest the murderer, Jim York, he however defied arrest and called one of his companions to his assistance in resisting the Marshal. Not until the Marshal had drawn his pistol and threatened to kill him did Jim York submit to arrest. This is the second time the half breed has been arrested for murder. He comes of bad stock, his father being now confined on a life sentence at San Quentin. A Coroner's inquest was held on Tuesday and a verdict rendered in accordance with the above facts charging Jim York with the killing. This is another murder to be laid at the door of the law breakers who sell the Indians liquor, and it is to be hoped that in this instance the authorities may be enabled to bring the wrongdoer to justice. The last Legislature changed the offence of selling liquor to Indians from simple misdemeanor to felony, and a conviction now would administer a lasting and*

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<sup>253</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 19<sup>th</sup> January 1893

*wholesome lesson to others who have been in the habit of breaking the law in this respect. The authorities claim to have evidence sufficient to convict the party in this instance and we certainly hope that it may lead to the arrest and conviction of the offender.*"<sup>254</sup>

*"There appeared in the Enterprise of the 10th Inst., and article headed "A Standing Disgrace" and the burden of that article is to belabor the authorities of this city for neglect of duty in not enforcing the law prohibiting the selling of liquor to Indians. I am one of the authorities berated, and one of the authorities that, among others, are unjustly assailed. I will agree with the writer of the article in question, that it is a lamentable fact that someone has and does furnish the Indians with liquor, and that in a measure the question as to who is selling, and does sell them liquor is as yet unanswered, and "that it is a disgraceful state of affairs," but as for there being no excuse for the existence of this fact I must beg leave to differ, at least so far as I am personally concerned. I do not want to appear egotistical, but I must say that since I have occupied the office of Marshal of this city I have given a good share of my time to the detection of the parties selling the Indians liquors. In some cases I have been successful, and the records of the justice court, where the offenders have been tried and sentenced, will establish this fact. In other cases I have not been so successful, and when it is understood how difficult it is to detect the transgressor in the act, or to get the Indians to divulge their means of obtaining the liquor, and even after arrest, how extremely difficulty it is to secure a conviction, this fact will not be wondered at. I have offered rewards from my own pocket for the information that would lead to the arrest of an offender. I have spent hour after hour watching to detect anyone supplying the Indians with liquor, I have exhausted every means known to detect the guilty party, I have always been ready and willing to act on any information that I myself or my informant thought would lead to the detection of violators of the law, (what more could I do) and now to be accused of being derelict in my duty is, I think, unjust and unmerited. It is an easy matter to sit in the editorial rooms of a newspaper and score the officers for neglect of duty, but does the writer of that article know of anything that would lead to the arrest of an offender? Is there any information by*

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<sup>254</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 1<sup>st</sup> June 1893

*which I or any other officer could reasonably hope to secure the conviction of an offender? The article would indicate that there was. Why then is it not given to aid in bringing the offender to justice? Any person knowing of a crime being committed, (and this is a crime) and not disclose that information is guilty of a crime. I, and all other out hunters are powerless to effect anything in this line without the co-operation of the citizens. Is this unjust criticism, co-operation? When the writer of that article states "that there is no one trying to find out who are the guilty ones," it is a statement made at random, and without sufficient information to warrant such an absurd declaration, on the contrary, I am and always have made a determined effort to the guilty ones, and when one is compelled to work against the cunning of the Indian combined with the shrewdness of the one who sells him liquor, it is no easy matter to detect the offender. The laws require a certain character of evidence to convict, and were I to arrest and fail to convict, this same writer would have a waste of county funds, and tongue-lash me for being indiscreet and neglectful. I have no doubt that the question, "Is there an effort being made to find who the offenders are?" Can be answered satisfactory to the writer of that article. Those who make such absurd unsupported statements are not at a loss to find a satisfactory answer. I do not hope to "convince" the writer of that article to the "contrary," but I wish to set myself a right before the people and correct any impression that may have been made by such babblings as that "no effort whatever is being made by our authorities." I am making every effort possible. I am doing everything in my power to bring these offenders to justice, but as I have said before I am working at a disadvantage, and unless I have the assistance of every citizen, and assistance other than that of making unfounded statements and endeavor to poison the public mind against my efforts, I am powerless to accomplish anything. I deplore the existence of this end among us as much as anyone. I am as anxious to bring the offender to justice as any one. I am making every effort in my power to accomplish that end, and I ask every law abiding citizen to help me in the endeavor.--J.B. LEARD."<sup>255</sup>*

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<sup>255</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 15<sup>th</sup> June 1893

*“On Thursday evening of last week Marshal Leard performed some difficult “feats” on a bicycle on West Street. We are ready to back Ben—for any sum—for speed or fancy riding, against any Marshal in Sonoma county.”<sup>256</sup>*

*“Ben Leard, our City Marshal, has been missing for several days. When last seen he had a full growth of chin whiskers, was branded B on the right hip, and had a cane in his hand. He was considered a good horseman and it is feared that he has joined the cavalry.”<sup>257</sup>*

*“Marshal Leard captured an entire flock of drunks, vagabonds and other lawbreakers on Tuesday evening, He drove the herd into the city prison and locked them up, and on Wednesday morning they appeared before the Justice Court a sorry-looking lot. Two or three such swoops as this would purge our city of this undesirable class.”<sup>258</sup>*

*“Pursuant to instructions from the United States Marshal of this district Marshal Leard forwarded him Monday the counterfeit coin which was discovered in the vault of the Oak Lawn House by A. W. Smith on the 26th of September. As yet no clews have been found, but Marshal suspects a gang of fellows living here of coining the counterfeit money. Out of the twenty-eight bogus silver pieces twenty-seven were dated 1889 and the remaining one was dated 1890. It is supposed that they were made about that time when there were no few counterfeits in circulation here, all, presumably, made by the same gang.”<sup>259</sup>*

*“Marshal Leard reports twenty-eight arrests for drunkenness in Healdsburg during the present month milking a total of thirty-one.”<sup>260</sup>*

*“A good-natured tussle between John Eaton and Buck Wolf at the Italian boarding house near the railroad depot Tuesday afternoon culminated in a fight, to a finish. Wolf was worsted and when his antagonist ceased pommeling and kicking him he was covered with blood and his face was badly lacerated. Eaton was promptly*

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<sup>256</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 29<sup>th</sup> June 1893

<sup>257</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 20<sup>th</sup> July 1893

<sup>258</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 20<sup>th</sup> July 1893

<sup>259</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 5<sup>th</sup> October 1893

<sup>260</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 27<sup>th</sup> September 1894

*taken into custody by Marshal Leard and incarcerated in the city prison until yesterday when he succeeded in furnishing bail for his appearance today to answer to the charge of battery.”<sup>261</sup>*

*“Marshal Leard is taking a needed rest in the mountains. He has appointed W. W. Cook to take his place during his absence.”<sup>262</sup>*

*“On account of the inclemency of the weather the Keeley mediums were detained here until Saturday before they could give a second performance and then it was a rainy night, preventing many who are interested in spiritualism from attending.*

*Edna, the child whose precocity is certainly remarkable, gave a test Saturday evening which mystified her audience intensely and nobody has yet been able to explain the strange performance she went through. Marshal Leard recently bought a pair of the most improved hand-cuffs and these he used to manacle the little lady by the leg above the ankle, to the chair. That they fastened tight several witnesses upon the stage will testify. During her seclusion in a tent-shaped cabinet she removed both shackles and they were listened to one of the slats on her back of the chair. In this the time-honored trick of the man pinioned to a chair with rope has been far surpassed and the enigma is what may be termed a “corker.”<sup>263</sup>*

*“Lemuel Meador has been dismissed as deputy under Marshal Leard and Chris Mason will succeed him in that capacity. The former has been charged with neglect of duty.”<sup>264</sup>*

*“Upon request of Marshal Leard he was authorized to deputize four special policemen to serve during the Floral Festival.”<sup>265</sup>*

*“Marshal Leard stated that the sanitary condition of the jail was such as to urge the immediate attention of the Board, as it is a grave menace to health, not alone to the prisoners, but all who occupy apartments in the City Hall. The gutter is*

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<sup>261</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 19<sup>th</sup> April 1894

<sup>262</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 12<sup>th</sup> July 1894

<sup>263</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 27<sup>th</sup> December 1894

<sup>264</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 25<sup>th</sup> April 1895

<sup>265</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> May 1895

*choked up and the sewer has backed up within the jail and causes a most nauseating stench.”<sup>266</sup>*

*“Marshal J.B. Leard was granted a leave of absence for a few days”<sup>267</sup>*

*“It is a new departure for Healdsburg for its officers of the peace to adopt the bicycle for their locomotion. Marshal Leard has for two weeks been “laming down” the iron steed and it was with some difficulty that he learned to stick on to the “bike” when it was in its most fractious stage. The worthy Marshal is quite advanced in years, but that does not deter him from keeping space with the progress of invention at whatever cost or with all the tribulations there are for him to go through. With the bicycle Marshal heard hopes to be able to round up fugitives with more expedition and less inconvenience. A lariat and a diminutive Krupp gun on his machine ought to enable him to run down half a dozen Brady’s and doubtless he will take kindly to the idea. Deputy Marshal Mason, realizing the importance of the silent steed, is riding one also. Constable Norton is becoming quite expert and Justice of the Peace Pond can outride any man of his avoirdupois in the town. The most desperate felons would cry quits before such a formidable array of officers on wheels and great accomplishments of during ventures on their part are predicted. Even the Superior Court is on wheels. Tuesday morning Judge Dougherty was seen to “push it along” at a high rate of speed making his way through Healdsburg with the caudal appendage of his Prince Alabrt floating in the grey fog.”<sup>268</sup>*

*“Forest Gully, a young man about 18 years old, Saturday had fruition of a Chinaman’s fistic incompetency and though it cost him five dollars’ fine he fully gratified ill’s lust after Mongolian “meat.” Sing Wan Chung was treating himself to a glass of soda at M.Y. Luce’s on Center street when Gully approached him and began to brush him somewhat harshly on his face and continued badgering him by disarranging his oriental habiliments when the celestial either casually or intentionally spilled some soda upon Gully’s natty suit of clothes. With a brief*

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<sup>266</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 6<sup>th</sup> June 1895

<sup>267</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 20<sup>th</sup> June 1895

<sup>268</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> August 1895



*verbal prelude Gully let his brawny fist fly out and the yellow "phiz" of Mr. Chung was its landing place. The Chinaman keeled over upon the floor and as soon as he recovered from the shock he gathered himself together. On finding a stream of blood flowing copiously from a flesh wound in his face he was not certain whether he was dead, alive or half of each. At any rate he took chances on it and hide himself to Marshal Leard's borne, then swore to a complaint of battery against young Gully and after the latter was placed under arrest he concluded to plead guilty and pay the five dollars' fine which was imposed upon him. Sing Wan Chung is said by Marshal Leard to be a peaceable fellow and his demeanor, like other Mongolian residents' of Healdsburg, is very good. The indulgence of the Chinese here with the torment of boys is beyond the patience and tolerance of most of the almond-eyed men, but even the worm will turn and a severe resentment may someday teach these boys a very painful lesson."*<sup>269</sup>

*"Marshal Leard has been doing the extreme kindness this week of soliciting funds for the relief of a Mrs. Wheeler in this city, an elderly woman who is in dire distress. She has a family and is unable to keep herself on account of being sick Mr. Leard succeeded in raising enough money to alleviate her awful condition of poverty."*<sup>270</sup>

*"In the election of a City Marshal the greatest bitterness of contention in the local campaign will lie. J.B. Leard will once more come before the people as a candidate for the office and he has the confidence in the number of his constituents that he will succeed himself again. For five terms he has served the city in this capacity, which is combined with the office of Tax Collector and Fire Warden, and he suggests several reasons why the voters should give his candidacy favorable consideration. John C. Ingalls, now acting deputy Marshal and one of the nightwatchmen, has signified his intention to run for the office of City Marshal, and he has equal confidence of winning the race. This will be an interesting race and neither will rest on his gun, but make a red hot fight "unto death." This may be a triangular conflict if, as is reported, Chas. Bryan, Mr. Leard's opponent two years ago, will enter the arena. He made a splendid run in the last election and*

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<sup>269</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 12<sup>th</sup> September 1895

<sup>270</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 6<sup>th</sup> February 1896

*was defeated by only a few votes. Apparently he has not lost any of his popularity since and should he make another effort for the place he will keep his opponents hustling and cause them no little uneasiness, and until the smoke of battle is cleared away no one can say who will be the man.”<sup>271</sup>*

In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Deputy Sheriff.

*“The many friends of Ben Leard have induced him to come out as an independent candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace of Mendocino Township. Mr. Leard was a candidate for the nomination at the Cloverdale convention, but was defeated by Judge Pond, whose name was used without his sanction. Judge Pond has since withdrawn his name, and Mr. Leard is out for the office. The Republican nominee, Mr. Rouse, of Dry Creek Valley, will remain in the field.*

*Mr. Leard was elected Marshal of Healdsburg in 1886 and served in that capacity for ten years. He was elected Constable of Mendocino Township in 1883 and held the office eight years. He was deputy sheriff under E.P. Colgan four years, and has been deputy under Sam Allen continuously since Mr. Allen was first elected.*

*Mr. Leard has made an efficient officer at all times, and he will doubtless fill the position of Justice of the Peace of this township with credit and ability as the next incumbent.”<sup>272</sup>*

*“Mr. J.B. Leard will make a fair and unbiased Justice of the Peace. He has had a good deal of experience in petty cases in his capacity of Marshal and Deputy Sheriff and he would undoubtedly fill the office with ability and credit.”<sup>273</sup>*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Center Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Day Laborer. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1901, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

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<sup>271</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 12<sup>th</sup> March 1896

<sup>272</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 15<sup>th</sup> September 1898

<sup>273</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 20<sup>th</sup> October 1898

## Obituary<sup>274</sup>

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 Sheriffs 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

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<sup>274</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 21<sup>st</sup> November 1901

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.

### **Marshal Stephen Byron Martin**

Stephen Byron Martin was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1837 near St. Mary's Mission, Paris, Edgar County, Illinois to Charles Kenneth Martin and Sarah Basham. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making their home in District 19, Edgar County, Illinois. On the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1861, he enlisted into Captain Herrick's Company K of the 34<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Regiment. He received a promotion to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1861. He was hit by a shell at the Battle of Stone River while in command of the company, and developed Lung Fever due to exposure to the elements. On the 7<sup>th</sup> October 1863, he tendered his resignation on the basis of poor health. On the 10<sup>th</sup> October, he was accepted.

*"At the outbreak of the Rebellion he was employed in Burlington, Iowa, and when the first call came for troops he enlisted under Captain Streator in Company E, First Iowa Infantry, for three months of service. During this time he took part in the battle of Wilson creek, where General Lyons was killed. After nearly four months of active service he was mustered out at St. Louis. Returning to Edgar county, two months later he volunteered in Company K, Thirty-fourth Illinois Infantry, and went to the front with the commission of first lieutenant. Among his principal engagements were those of Shiloh, Stone River and Chickamauga. After the last named battle he was detailed and placed in command of a guard of the First Ohio Infantry, whose officers had been captured by the enemy. Under his leadership the guard conveyed ammunition from headquarters to Chattanooga and Chickamauga. In the battle of Stone River he had been wounded in the right side by a shell and after a time he became so troubled by the injury that in 1863 he resigned on account of physical disability. For some time after leaving the army he*

*remained in poor health, but gradually overcame the effects of the wound and regained his former rugged physical condition.*"<sup>275</sup>

After leaving the service he moved to Kansas, where he took up farming. After two years in Kansas he moved to Missouri in 1865. He resided in Missouri for 8 years until he moved to California in 1873 where he engaged in Ranching.

*"City Election—City Marshal- S.B. Martin (87), J.W. Bell (81) and Scattering (9)."*<sup>276</sup>

*"The following officers elect were duly sworn by Recorder Sargent to perform the duties of their respective offices: G. J. Turner, W. S. Canan and H. K. Brown. Trustees; S.B. Martin, Marshal; George Mulligan, Treasurer, and S.P. McManus, Assessor and Collector."*<sup>277</sup>

*"S.B. Martin for services as City Marshal from June 2to August 10, 1874 \$19.00."*<sup>278</sup>

*"S.B. Martin, services as Marshal \$12.25."*<sup>279</sup>

After a few years he moved back to Missouri. On the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1875, he resigned as Marshal of Healdsburg.

*"J.W. Rose has been appointed City Marshal vice S.B. Martin, resigned."*<sup>280</sup>

*"S.B. Martin, ex-City Marshal \$40.00."*<sup>281</sup>

*"The resignation of Wm. Norton, special police, was read and on motion accepted. The petition of S.B. Martin, praying for his appointment as Special Police, vice Wm. Norton, resigned, was received, and said S.B. Martin authorized to act as night watch until the next meeting of the Board."*<sup>282</sup>

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<sup>275</sup> <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~cagha/civilwar/mendocino/mendocino-km.htm>

<sup>276</sup> Russian River Flag 14<sup>th</sup> May 1874

<sup>277</sup> Russian River Flag 21<sup>st</sup> May 1874

<sup>278</sup> Russian River Flag 17<sup>th</sup> September 1874

<sup>279</sup> Russian River Flag 21<sup>st</sup> January 1875

<sup>280</sup> Russian River Flag 1<sup>st</sup> April 1875

<sup>281</sup> Russian River Flag 27<sup>th</sup> May 1875

<sup>282</sup> Russian River Flag 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1876

On the 17<sup>th</sup> November 1878, he married Virginia Franklin “Jennie” Minton<sup>283</sup> in Mound City, Holt County, Missouri. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Lewis, Holt County, Missouri. In 1883, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Humboldt County, California. In 1887, he is found on the Voter Register residing in Mendocino County, California.

*“S. Martin, service as special police \$4.00”<sup>284</sup>*

*“In 1885, Mr. Martin engaged in lumbering in Humboldt county. During 1887 he came to Mendocino county and took up timber land at Half-way House, where he remained until 1890. For ten years he operated a ranch eight miles northwest of Willits, and when he finally sold that property he retired from ranching and established his home in Willits.”<sup>285</sup>*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Little Lake, Mendocino County, California working as a Day Laborer. On the 17<sup>th</sup> September 1919, he passed away in Willits, Mendocino County, California. He was laid to rest in Little Lake Cemetery, Willits, Mendocino County, California.

## **Deputy Marshal Christopher Allen/Alan Mason**

Christopher Allen/Alan Mason was born about 1866 in Kentucky to Samuel Sidney Mason and Elizabeth Jones. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Laurel, Kentucky working as a Laborer. In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Duncan’s Mill, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. In 1894, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.

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<sup>283</sup> Daughter of John Wesley Minton and Mary Ann Johnson

<sup>284</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 9<sup>th</sup> May 1888

<sup>285</sup> <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~cagha/civilwar/mendocino/mendocino-km.htm>

*“Lemuel Meador has been dismissed as deputy under Marshal Leard and Chris Mason will succeed him in that capacity. The former has been charged with neglect of duty.”<sup>286</sup>*

*“Marshal Leard urged the importance of another police officer for night duty and on behalf of Chris Mason, who has been serving for some weeks and receiving compensation therefor from the citizens by private subscription, asked that the Board allow him \$15 per month. He informed the Council that Mr. Mason’s list of monthly subscriptions amounted to somewhere about \$35. Trustee Howland deemed \$10 per month sufficient for the city to appropriate for this purpose and a motion to this effect was made by Trustee Hall and the same prevailed.”<sup>287</sup>*

*“A plot to break jail in this city Friday night was frustrated by the acuteness of Officers Ingalls and Mason. At midnight the former was called to the wicket by the prisoners who asked him for water. They had all crowded up to the door when he appeared, but he refused to comply with their request until they would all go to the other side of the cells. They did so and he unlocked the door and entered. As he was about to pick up the bucket, in which to carry the water, the culprits rushed toward him with the evident purpose of overpowering him, but he single-handed held them at bay and made his exit safely, locking the door behind him. Suspecting that the prisoners were planning an escape Officer Mason was placed on watch in the hallway and, as it was anticipated they would do, the inmates of the jail began prying the iron bars of a window apart. The noise attracted the watchman and he was on the scene just in time to prevent the delivery. The next day Constable Norton discovered in the jail a sand-bag which was intended undoubtedly to brain Officer Ingalls with. The leaders in the plot were the two Indians held for assault upon Peter Alberigi.”<sup>288</sup>*

*“An Italian who was “on his skates” and doing a song and clog at the Enterprise House Sunday’ night was arrested by Officer Mason for disturbing the peace. He paid a fine of eight dollars in preference to serving time. The culprit was loud in his*

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<sup>286</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 25<sup>th</sup> April 1895

<sup>287</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 6<sup>th</sup> June 1895

<sup>288</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 11<sup>th</sup> July 1895

*condemnation of the policeman, saving the racket he was making was inaudible almost on the outside and he was arrested without any provocation.”<sup>289</sup>*

*“The committee appointed to investigate Marshal Leard’s action in liberating a prisoner arrested by Officer Mason a few days ago, was granted further time.”<sup>290</sup>*

In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Deputy Marshal. On the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1896, he married Climena “Minnie” D. Bosworth<sup>291</sup> in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California.

*“The City Trustees met Monday evening in adjourned session and appointed Chris. Mason Nightwatchman on the second ballot.”<sup>292</sup>*

*“Petitions were received from Ed. Petray and George Seawell, asking the same contribution towards extra Nightwatchman which Chris. Mason had been receiving prior to his appointment as a regular officer. A motion was then introduced rescinding the contribution act which had been in vogue. The motion was lost. Afterward a resolution was adopted creating the office of extra Nightwatchman with the modest sum of one dollar per month salary. A ballot was taken for a choice of the candidates for extra Nightwatchman and it resulted in one vote being cast for each while there were three blanks. It was decided to defer the matter a week and leave the election of the extra Nightwatchman to the citizens by means of majority of paying signers. The Board will then ratify the election at the adjourned meeting.”<sup>293</sup>*

*“Night Watchman Chris Mason tendered his resignation, to take effect on July 1st. On motion it was accepted.”<sup>294</sup>*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Matheson Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Liquor Merchant. When the

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<sup>289</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 1<sup>st</sup> August 1895

<sup>290</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 7<sup>th</sup> November 1895

<sup>291</sup> Daughter of James Owen Bosworth and Lillian Viola Wilber

<sup>292</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 14<sup>th</sup> May 1896

<sup>293</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 4<sup>th</sup> June 1896

<sup>294</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> June 1899



1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Sherman Street, Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Proprietor on a Saloon. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home on Johnson Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Merchant Retail Tobaing. When the 1930 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Cigar and Tobacco Store Keeper. On the 11<sup>th</sup> January 1931, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, California.

### **Obituary<sup>295</sup>**

Christopher A. Mason, aged 65 years, and a resident of Healdsburg since a youth, succumbed to illness of months' duration at his home here Sunday night.

Mason was a native of Kentucky and came here with his family in 1882. Forty-eight years of his life had been spent in Healdsburg, and he was a business pioneer, being one of the few men still operating here who were part of the commercial life of the city more than 30 years ago.

He had operated rooming house, restaurant, saloon and cigar store and billiard hall enterprises during his long business life.

In the immediate family survive a daughter, Mrs. Rosaline Maher, wife of William Maher, of Healdsburg, and a son, Fred, living in Oklahoma, in addition to the widow, Mrs. Clemina Mason.

Three brothers, among a family originally of 13 children, also survive. They are John Mason of Healdsburg, and Walker and Grover Mason of San Francisco.

As a wholehearted demonstration of the esteem in which he was held during nearly a half century of life in Healdsburg, stores closed generally here between the hours of 2 and 3 Tuesday afternoon for the funeral of Christopher A. Mason, who died at his home here Sunday night after months of illness.

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<sup>295</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 15<sup>th</sup> January 1931

Services at the Fred Young & Co. chapel and for the committal at the grave in Oak Mound cemetery were in charge of Friendship lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which the deceased was a member.

The pallbearers, all friends of long standing, were A.E. Bowers, Frank Soules, Guy Rose, William Hill, Edward I. Beeson Sr., and Frank Maddux.

## Marshal Thomas Proctor Maxwell

Thomas Proctor Maxwell was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 1845 in Logan County, Kentucky to Kennedy Maxwell and Martha Sisson. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in District 15, Holt County, Missouri. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1870, he married Martha Emma Rickman<sup>296</sup> in Sonoma County, California. When the Census was taken in 1870, he is working as a Photograph Artist in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

*“Town Election—For Marshal- S.B. Martin and T.P. Maxwell. Mr. Clack who has served faithfully for some years declines to accept it again.”<sup>297</sup>*

*Shooting Affair.—On last Friday evening there were an uncommonly large number of “drunks” lying around loose within the corporate limits. Mr. Maxwell, Town Marshal, suggested to one of them, an Irishman, named Michael Carey, that he had better go home or he would get into trouble. Carey “didn’t see it,” and Maxwell arrested him, and started toward the calaboose. Another Irishman, Mr. Benson, who had also imbibed more poor whisky than his system could stand, interfered, followed the Marshal and his prisoner to the corner near the Odd Fellows’ Hall, when he and the prisoner attacked the Marshal, and were fast getting the better of him, Maxwell thereupon drew his revolver and fired twice, the second ball taking effect in Benson’s left arm. Maxwell then took Carey and locked him up; after Benson had his arm dressed, he was locked up also. On Saturday they were brought before Recorder Sargent, and fined fifteen dollars*

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<sup>296</sup> Daughter of David Henry Rickman and Mary Tucker

<sup>297</sup> Russian River Flag 27<sup>th</sup> April 1871

*each, with costs, but, through an error, the Prosecuting Attorney's fee of fifteen dollars was not included in the case of Benson. He paid his fine and costs and was liberated, but Carey preferred to go to jail and board out his fine at the rate of two dollars per day. Benson got off very lightly, as proper management would have sent him to San Quentin.*<sup>298</sup>

On the 20<sup>th</sup> November 1871, he was appointed Deputy Marshal in accordance to Ordinance No. 6 in Healdsburg.

*"T.P. Maxwell, for services as Marshal during the month of November, \$40.00."*<sup>299</sup>

*"Thos. P. Maxwell offered his resignation as Clerk of the Board, to take effect immediately. The resignation was accepted, and D.F. Spurr was elected to fill the vacancy."*<sup>300</sup>

*"A quarrel occurred in Briggs' saloon last Sunday evening, between Andy J. Blessington and a railroad employee named Edward Boyle. After some blows had passed between them they were separated, but each seemed anxious to renew the fight, both having their belligerent propensities inflamed by whisky. Shortly afterward the two again met in front of Corr's saloon where another round was had. In this encounter Andy received two knife wounds in the neck, one in the left side and one in the hand. Boyle had Andy down and would probably have made mince-meat of him but for the appearance of Marshal Maxwell and Mr. Mitchell, the night watchman. When the officers came up Boyle dropped his knife and ran towards the Plaza. As he went off the sidewalk at Meyer's corner he fell and was under arrest before he could get up. He says that Andy attacked him with a cane and he used the knife in self-defense; while Andy says he received a stab before he saw Boyle. The case was examined before Justice Tombs and Boyle was held to bail for his appearance at court. Andy's wounds are severe but not necessarily fatal."*<sup>301</sup>

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<sup>298</sup> Russian River Flag 21<sup>st</sup> September 1871

<sup>299</sup> Russian River Flag 28<sup>th</sup> December 1871

<sup>300</sup> Russian River Flag 28<sup>th</sup> December 1871

<sup>301</sup> Russian River Flag 4<sup>th</sup> January 1872

*"T.P. Maxwell, Constable \$10.20."*<sup>302</sup>

*"Town Election—Marshal- T.P. Maxwell (present incumbent). Mr. Maxwell's re-election shows that, the people have confidence that he will continue to discharge the duties of Marshal efficiently."*<sup>303</sup>

*"On Monday of last week town Marshal Maxwell was arrested, charged with assaulting Isaac Stanley while arresting him on Saturday. Maxwell's trial came off on Wednesday last, before a jury. On trial it appeared that Maxwell and his Deputy Mr. Mitchell, arrested Mr. Stanley, who was disturbing the peace by drunken conduct. Stanley tried his best to escape and the officers had their hands full to handle him. While in the struggle Maxwell struck Stanley over the head with his club cutting a gash in the scalp. Stanley was finally lodged in jail and afterwards pleaded guilty to drunk and disorderly conduct. The jury in Maxwell's case disagreed and a new trial is set for Saturday next at 10 a.m. The defense will take a change of venue."*<sup>304</sup>

*"In spite of the ordinance requiring the sidewalks to be kept clear they are often cumbered with boxes, lumber and other obstructions, but they are not allowed to remain long before Marshal Maxwell " reads the riot act" to the delinquents."*<sup>305</sup>

*"Our exchanges frequently boast over large eggs. We have had some large sized ones to report occasionally our self; but yesterday Thos. P. Maxwell laid an egg on our table that is worth mentioning. It measured seven-eighths of an inch in length, two an thirteen-sixteenth inches in circumference one way and two and thirteen-sixteenth inches in circumference the other. It is a hen's egg, and is provided with a shell, but, we presume, no yolk."*<sup>306</sup>

*"T.P. Maxwell, salary as Marshal \$40.00."*<sup>307</sup>

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<sup>302</sup> Russian River Flag 4<sup>th</sup> April 1872

<sup>303</sup> Russian River Flag 9<sup>th</sup> May 1872

<sup>304</sup> Russian River Flag 10<sup>th</sup> October 1872

<sup>305</sup> Russian River Flag 5<sup>th</sup> December 1872

<sup>306</sup> Russian River Flag 30<sup>th</sup> January 1873

<sup>307</sup> Russian River Flag 6<sup>th</sup> February 1873

*“Town Election—Town Marshal- John W. Clack (107), T.P. Maxwell (66) and John Turner (34).”<sup>308</sup>*

*“Thos. P. Maxwell was arrested on suspicion. On Saturday afternoon he was arraigned before Justice Wilson on a charge of murder. John O. Darrow appearing for the defense and Mr. Middleton, of Santa Rosa, appearing for the people. The examination was postponed until Monday at 11 o’clock. Counsel for the defendant asked that the prisoner be admitted to bail. The prosecuting attorney admitted that the Court had the right to admit the defendant to bail, but insisted that he be held in charge of an officer. The Court refused to admit the prisoner to bail and he was placed in charge of Constable Clack. That officer not wishing to take any chances on his escape, decided to take the prisoner to the Santa Rosa jail, but under instructions of Justice Wilson, he was turned over to Deputy Sheriff Emerson, who gave him the freedom of the town until Monday morning when he was taken to Santa Rosa, to await the action of the Grand Jury, he having waived an examination.*

*I.N. Chapman took charge of the remains of Mr. Norcross, and gave them a decent burial on Sunday afternoon at 3 o’clock, a large number of our citizens joining in the procession to the cemetery.*

*On Saturday afternoon Justice of the Peace Wilson, acting as coroner, empaneled a jury consisting of A. Wright, James E. Fenno, L. M. Holt, S. McManus; R. F. Gilmor, A. H. Ingham, Arthur Thing and J. P. Chandler and proceeded to hold an inquest. After examining several witnesses the jury returned a verdict as follows:*

*“We, the jury summoned to inquire into the cause of the death of B.F. Norcross, find upon holding an inquest, that he came to his death from the effects of a gunshot wound received on the evening of July 4, 1873, in the hands of a party unknown to the jury. We also find that the deceased was about thirty-seven years of age, and by occupation a painter, and a native of Massachusetts.”*

*On the morning of the 5th, a sheet mask was found in the ally to the rear of the Masonic Hall, and the print of a pistol was found in the mud in the slough, where a*

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<sup>308</sup> Russian River Flag 8<sup>th</sup> May 1873

*weapon had evidently been thrown, but the pistol itself was not found. There are many conflicting rumors and reports in circulation relative to the case, but as these are to a great extent unreliable, and as a legal investigation is now going on it is thought best not to prejudice the public mind by giving these reports which certainly do not come under the head of "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth,"*

*Public sentiment is very much divided as to the innocence or guilt of the accused, and from present indications a careful trial may still leave the matter in doubt.*

*Mr. Norcross was to have been tried during this month for an attempt to commit rape. He had been once convicted for the offense and sent to San Quentin for a term of seven years; he had served one and a half years of his term when the Supreme Court granted him a new trial, on the ground that the evidence upon which he was convicted was insufficient.*

*Since the above was put in type we learn that the Grand Jury now in session failed to find a bill of indictment against Thomas P. Maxwell."<sup>309</sup>*

*"T.P. Maxwell and family removed to Oakland last week."<sup>310</sup>*

*"T.P. Maxwell was arrested in Guadalupe, Santa Barbara county, a few days ago, and is now on his way to Santa Rosa, to answer to the charge of killing B.F. Norcross a year ago. It is supposed that evidence has been found that justified making the arrest."<sup>311</sup>*

*"The grand jury, after examining all the witnesses that were supposed to know anything about the Norcross murder, could find no evidence against T.P. Maxwell, and he was discharged from custody. He and his brothers, John and Joel, came up to Healdsburg on Tuesday."<sup>312</sup>*

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<sup>309</sup> Russian River Flag 10<sup>th</sup> July 1873

<sup>310</sup> Russian River Flag 18<sup>th</sup> September 1873

<sup>311</sup> Russian River Flag 13<sup>th</sup> August 1874

<sup>312</sup> Russian River Flag 8<sup>th</sup> October 1874

*“Thos. P. Maxwell, at one time city Marshal of Healdsburg, is in the pork-packing business.”<sup>313</sup>*

On the 16<sup>th</sup> March 1878, he passed away in Santa Ana, Orange County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery.

#### Death Announcement

*“Just as we are going to press a postal card from J.J. Maxwell is handed us, announcing the sad intelligence of the death of his brother Mr. Thomas P. Maxwell, a victim of consumption. This will be sudden to many who knew not the lingering illness of the deceased and will be receive with feeling of sadness at this the scene of his boyhood, and where the first ventures of his maturer years were made. Just previous to his departure southward he was our City Marshal. The widow is a daughter of Mr. D.H. Rickman; who still resides near this city.”<sup>314</sup>*

#### Obituary

*“The Late T.P. Maxwell.—Last week, just before going to press, we received intelligence of the death, by consumption, of T.P. Maxwell, which occurred near Santa Ana, Los Angeles County. Deceased had resided in Healdsburg many years, this place being the scene of his boyhood days. He had many friends here, who sincerely mourn his early demise. For several years just previous to his leaving Healdsburg he was City Marshal of this place; a braver or more vigilant officer the city has never had. He was married, while here, to Miss Emma Rickman, daughter of D. H. Rickman, who resides at present not far from town. His family and other relatives have our heartfelt sympathies.”<sup>315</sup>*

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<sup>313</sup> Russian River Flag 1<sup>st</sup> February 1877

<sup>314</sup> Russian River Flag 21<sup>st</sup> March 1878

<sup>315</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 28<sup>th</sup> March 1878

## City Marshal William McCluskey

William McCluskey was born in June 1831 near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to John McCluskey and Elizabeth Hall. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Robeson, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. *He left Pittsburg for California in 1853, coming by way of the Isthmus. For a while after arriving in California he mined in Placer, Sierra and Shasta counties. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Alleghany, Sierra County, California working as a Miner. In 1862, in company with a brother Cyrus, he went over to the Reese River mining section, and located in Cortez district. Later, in company with several others, he took up a piece of land and engaged in ranching. He subsequently bought out the others, and devoted his attention to raising vegetables, potatoes especially, for the surrounding mining camps, which proved a very lucrative business.*

*“The political announcements of J.B. Leard and Wm. McCluskey, Republican nominees for Constables of Mendocino Township, are published in the Flag to day.”<sup>316</sup>*

*“It is a marked and noticeable fact that the law is enforced in Healdsburg more promptly and invariably than in any other town in the county. The reason is we have good police officers. Two of them, J.B. Leard and Wm. McCluskey, have been nominated by the Republicans for Constables. They deserve to be elected. Their service to the Township in the past has merited the highest praise, and Republican voters should stand by them to a man.”<sup>317</sup>*

*“Nominations for Constables were declared in order, and J.B. Leard and Wm. McCluskey, present incumbents, were placed in nomination. On motion nominations were closed. On motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for Leard and McCluskey, and they were declared the duly elected nominees for Constables.”<sup>318</sup>*

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<sup>316</sup> Russian River Flag 13<sup>th</sup> October 1886

<sup>317</sup> Russian River Flag 13<sup>th</sup> October 1886

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*“Police officer McCluskey stated that a pair of handcuffs belonging to W.R. Wallace had been used by the city and that Wallace wanted pay for them. It was the sense of the Council that Mr. Wallace should present a bill in due form.”<sup>319</sup>*

In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Capitalist.

*“Wm. McClusky intends to go to Lake Tahoe soon, to remain there two months.”<sup>320</sup>*

*“J.B. Leard, our efficient officer of the peace, is taking a vacation, and has deputized Mr. McCluskey City Marshal.”<sup>321</sup>*

In 1892, he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Capitalist. In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No.2, Sonoma County, California working as a Capitalist.

*“Wm. S. McCluskey of Guernewood, Iowa, a nephew of Healdsburg’s well known citizen, William McCluskey, arrived in Healdsburg last Thursday on a visit to his uncle. He will remain indefinitely.”<sup>322</sup>*

*“Wm. McCluskey has been quite sick the past week, but is slowly improving.”<sup>323</sup>*

On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1898, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, California.

### **Obituary<sup>324</sup>**

On Friday morning last, at his rooms in the Union Hotel, William McCluskey passed away, after an illness of but a few days. The deceased was a man of kindly disposition and of many excellent traits of character. The funeral took place

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<sup>319</sup> Russian River Flag 8<sup>th</sup> December 1886

<sup>320</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 11<sup>th</sup> April 1888

<sup>321</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 17<sup>th</sup> July 1890

<sup>322</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 1<sup>st</sup> September 1898

<sup>323</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 29<sup>th</sup> September 1898

<sup>324</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 6<sup>th</sup> October 1898

Sunday under the auspices of Friendship Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which order the deceased was an honored member. W.S. McCluskey, a nephew, a recent graduate of Ann Arbor University, came out from Glenwood, Ia., a few weeks ago to visit the deceased, and was with him at the time of his death.

From Mr. George Howard, who had been an intimate friend of the deceased for upward of thirty-five years, it is learned that William McCluskey was born on a farm near Pittsburg, Pa., in June, 1831. He was one of a family of eight boys, of whom two only are living —W.H. McCluskey of Glenwood, Ia., and S.C. McCluskey of Maryville, Mo. Both of these gentlemen will arrive from the East on Sunday or Monday next.

Mr. McCluskey left Pittsburg for California in 1853, coming by way of the Isthmus. For a while after arriving in California he mined in Placer, Sierra and Shasta counties.

In 1862, in company with a brother Cyrus, he went over to the Reese River mining section, and located in Cortez district. Later, in company with several others, he took up a piece of land and engaged in ranching. He subsequently bought out the others, and devoted his attention to raising vegetables, potatoes especially, for the surrounding mining camps, which proved a very lucrative business.

For fourteen years Mr. McCluskey lived alone on this place, his nearest neighbor being six miles away. He one day received a telegram that his brother John was seriously ill in Healdsburg, and started at once for this place. His brother passed away before he arrived, however. After settling up the affairs of his relative, Mr. McCluskey made a trip to his old home. On his return he took up his residence in Healdsburg, and had lived here continuously ever since—some twenty years.

### **Nightwatchman William Norton McLean**

William Norton McLean was born in October 1864 in Ontario, Canada to Hiram Norton McLean and Sarah Elizabeth Gates. He arrived in the States about 1869. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma

County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in San Buena Ventura, Ventura County, California. In about 1885, he married Bertha F. Piatt<sup>325</sup> in West Bear River, Yuba County, California. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Blacksmith.

*“Walter McLean was on motion appointed special policeman. The Marshal was instructed to furnish him with a star.”<sup>326</sup>*

*“Walter McLean has been officiating as night-watchman during the illness of Dick Kinsman.”<sup>327</sup>*

*“Last Monday night, shortly after 12 o'clock, burglars entered the meal market of Markwell & Wernecke, on Center street, and attempted to rob the safe. An entrance was gained by cutting the wire netting in the front doors and prying off the lock on the inside. A hole was drilled in the safe door about midway between the door knob and the combination knob, and the door knob was knocked off as by a heavy blow with a large hammer. It was probably the noise of this blow that awakened Mr. Markwell, who has rooms in the second story of the building, and he descended the stairs to ascertain the cause, but the would-be burglars heard him approaching and made good their escape before the alarm was given.*

*About two o'clock the same night, a horse and buggy was stolen from Mr. Anthony, who lives on the Windsor road three miles south of town, and was driven to Santa Rosa where it was left. It was probably the would-be safe-crackers who took the horse and buggy to make good their escape, as they were hotly pursued for a while by night-watchman McLean and Mr. Markwell. The hole in the safe door was drilled almost through, and had it not been for the timely awakening of Mr. Markwell, the safe would have been blown open in a few minutes longer. No great amount of money or valuables were in the safe at the time. The safe is badly in need of repairs.”<sup>328</sup>*

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<sup>325</sup> Daughter of Joseph P. Piatt and Eliza C. Hardy

<sup>326</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 9<sup>th</sup> January 1889

<sup>327</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 11<sup>th</sup> May 1889

<sup>328</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 11<sup>th</sup> May 1889

*“W. McLain(McLean), Special Police 4.00”<sup>329</sup>*

*“A notorious an sneak thief was placed in the “cooler” Tuesday by officer McLean at the instance of Thos. Stone from whom the culprit stole a buggy robe and whip. The prisoner escaped from the authorities at Santa Rosa a few days ago before his sentence expired and now has two charges against him.”<sup>330</sup>*

*“At a late hour on New Year’s eve Officer McLean discovered a man lying on the sidewalk of one of the principal thoroughfares asleep in a drunken stupor. The slumbering inebriate had evidently been playing “hokey pokey” that evening for when he was awakened by the efficient “copper” he said, “I’ve got an ace in the hole, a king (hic) in sight and I’ll (hic) bet yer a dollar and a half.”<sup>331</sup>*

*“Last Saturday night Officer McLean arrested two drunken Italians for fighting. They were lodged in the city “cooler” and on Monday when they were arraigned before Judge Coffman each paid a fine of \$10 imposed upon them.”<sup>332</sup>*

*“Application of W.W. Cook for nightwatchman to succeed W. McLean was read and on motion of Fried the applicant was appointed to act in that capacity at once.”<sup>333</sup>*

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg (East Windsor), Sonoma County, California working as a Blacksmith.

*“Walter N. McLean and family of Santa Rosa have moved to Marysville, where Mr. McLean has secured a position as foreman of a 400-acre ranch.”<sup>334</sup>*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in West Bear River, Yuba County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Salt Point, Sonoma County, California working as a Woodsman in Tie Maker. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home

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<sup>329</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 7<sup>th</sup> August 1889

<sup>330</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 1<sup>st</sup> January 1891

<sup>331</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> January 1891

<sup>332</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1891

<sup>333</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 7<sup>th</sup> May 1891

<sup>334</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 27<sup>th</sup> April 1899

in Salt Point, Sonoma County, California working as a Farm Laborer on a Dairy Farm. When the 1930 Census was taken he is making his home in Salt Point, Sonoma County, California working as a Stock Farm. On the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1938, he passed away in Cazadero, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in SeaView Cemetery in Seaview, Sonoma County, California.

### Obituary<sup>335</sup>

DIED —At Fort Ross, August 25. 1938, Walter N. McLean, aged 74 years. Interment Sea View cemetery. He is survived by his wife, two daughters; Mrs. Frank Thomas, Miss Ethel McLean, a foster daughter, Mrs. Fred Eckert, and a foster son in Portugal. Also is survived by two sisters, Mrs. James Mederia, San Francisco, and Mrs. A.W. Kruse, Oakland.

### Deputy Marshal Lemuel Jackson Meador/Meadows

Lemuel Jackson Meador was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 1868 in California to Edmond Monroe Meador and Martha Isabelle Donnigan. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Lakeport, Lake County, California. In 1894, he is found of the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.

*“Lemuel Meadows is a new component of the police force of Healdsburg and has been duly deputized by Marshal Leard. His beat includes only the plaza.”<sup>336</sup>*

*“Lem. Meadows’ first month on the police force as a special expires on the 28th of this month, next Monday. He has discharged the duties of a peace officer with efficiency and by all means he should be retained. Moreover, the citizens who have subscribed money for his services should respond more liberally and make*

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<sup>335</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1938

<sup>336</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> January 1895

*the compensation what it should be. Mr. Meadows is a young man of good habits and has proven himself a faithful and upright officer who is a credit to Healdsburg. With: John C. Ingalls and him as protectors of the law Healdsburg is safer from the molestations of miscreants than it ever was before. In recognition of Mr. Meadows' good services let the people of Healdsburg retain him.*"<sup>337</sup>

*"A petition from L.J. Meadows, praying for a monthly compensation from the city for services as a private nightwatchman was read and filed without any action upon the matter being taken."*<sup>338</sup>

*"J.K. Allen was arrested one day last week on a complaint sworn to by Officer L.J. Meador, charging him with selling liquor to minors. The officer alleges that his brother George and another boy, who are about 15 years of age, bought intoxicating beverages of the defendant. The day for the examination of the saloonkeeper has not been set yet."*<sup>339</sup>

*"Lemuel Meador has been dismissed as deputy under Marshal Leard and Chris Mason will succeed him in that capacity. The former has been charged with neglect of duty."*<sup>340</sup>

In about 1897, he married Ruby A. (Unknown) in California. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Township 4, Lake County, California working as a Day Laborer. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California working as a Farm Worker. When the 1930 Census was taken he is making his home in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California working as a Cook at a Restaurant. When the 1940 Census was taken he is making his home on Gum View Rd, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Peace Officer. On the 20<sup>th</sup> December 1945, he passed away in Windsor, Sonoma County, California.

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<sup>337</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 24<sup>th</sup> January 1895

<sup>338</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 7<sup>th</sup> March 1895

<sup>339</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 14<sup>th</sup> March 1895

<sup>340</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 25<sup>th</sup> April 1895

## **Assistant City Marshal James Harrison Mitchell**

James Harrison Mitchell was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 1832 in Tennessee to Mordica Elias Mitchell and Lucretica Heutchison. On the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1853, he married Nancy Elizabeth Garrison<sup>341</sup> in Missouri. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Cottonwood, Shasta County, California working as a Farmer.

In 1868, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Farm Laborer.

*“John Reynolds has retired as night watchman for the town of Healdsburg, and James Mitchell now acts in that capacity.”<sup>342</sup>*

*“Ordinance No. 12, for appointing a Deputy Marshall was adopted, and James Mitchell was appointed to fill the position.”<sup>343</sup>*

*“A quarrel occurred in Briggs' saloon last Sunday evening, between Andy J. Blessington and a railroad employee named Edward Boyle. After some blows had passed between them they were separated, but each seemed anxious to renew the fight, both having their belligerent propensities inflamed by whisky. Shortly afterward the two again met in front of Corr's saloon where another round was had. In this encounter Andy received two knife wounds in the neck, one in the left side and one in the hand. Boyle had Andy down and would probably have made mince-meat of him but for the appearance of Marshal Maxwell and Mr. Mitchell, the night watchman. When the officers came up Boyle dropped his knife and ran towards the Plaza. As he went off the sidewalk at Meyer's corner he fell and was under arrest before he could get up. He says that Andy attacked him with a cane and he used the knife in self-defense; while Andy says he received a stab before he saw Boyle. The case was examined before Justice Tombs and Boyle was held to*

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<sup>341</sup> Daughter of Mark Alexander Garrison and Mary R. White

<sup>342</sup> Russian River Flag 19<sup>th</sup> October 1871

<sup>343</sup> Russian River Flag 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1871

*bail for his appearance at court. Andy's wounds are severe but not necessarily fatal.*"<sup>344</sup>

In 1879, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Sonoma County, California. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Sonoma County, California. In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Healdsburg Road, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1911, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg.

### **Obituary**<sup>345</sup>

James H. Mitchell, a pioneer resident and well known, died at home adjoining town Monday last. He was a native of Tennessee and came to California in 1849, when quite a young man. He had resided in this section for the past forty years.

In addition to the aged widow, he is survived by the following children Mrs. Mary Williams of San Francisco, Mrs. Maggie Williams of Ukiah and Mrs. W.A. Byers of this city, Horace Mitchell of Yolo, Geo. Mitchell of Albion and Harry Mitchell of Skaggs Springs.

The funeral took place Wednesday from T.G. Young's undertaking parlors.

## **Nightwatchman Charles Arthur Mobley**

Charles Arthur Mobley was born in February 1846 in Ohio to William H. and Mary A. Mobley. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Sugar Creek, Wayne County, Ohio. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his

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<sup>344</sup> Russian River Flag 4<sup>th</sup> January 1872

<sup>345</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 18<sup>th</sup> February 1911



home in Baughman, Wayne County, Ohio. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Springfield, La Porte County, Indiana working as a Farmer. In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1898, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.

*“Charles Mobley is sojourning, with O.D. Huebner. Mr. Mobley has been lionized in social circles here. The glowing and graphic account of his adventuresome and checkered career as a revenue officer among the desperate moonshiners of Kentucky, told by himself in his modest and unassuming manner, has won all hearts.”<sup>346</sup>*

*“Chas. Mobley, while working on the new road to the Boston Mine, met with a painful, though not serious, accident. Mr. Mobley is said to be near sighted, and while he was uprooting brush, stumps and boulders on the new roadbed, it is thought that he mistook his foot for the top of a large boulder, and aiming a vigorous blow at it with his pick, he penetrated considerably below the cuticle. Dr. Huebner, who dressed the wound, said that had his friend been wearing his shoes at the time of the mishap, he might have escaped unharmed.”<sup>347</sup>*

*“Charles Mobley applied for the position of night watchman and presented a long list of endorsements. James Smith also applied for the place. Ballot resulted in the unanimous election of Mr. Mobley.”<sup>348</sup>*

*“C.A. Mobley, salary as Nightwatchman \$10.00.”<sup>349</sup>*

*“A fire occurred in L.C. Harlan’s shoe store on South street last Friday night in which a disastrous conflagration was narrowly averted, that part of town being*

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<sup>346</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 24<sup>th</sup> February 1898

<sup>347</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 31<sup>st</sup> March 1898

<sup>348</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> June 1899

<sup>349</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> November 1899

*composed mostly of wooden buildings, which would undoubtedly have been totally destroyed, had the fire gained much headway.*

*The trouble was caused by the falling of a large coal oil lamp, which Mr. Harlan left burning low when he closed up the store for the evening.*

*Mr. Harlan sleeps in the rear of the store and when he opened the door about midnight to retire he discovered the room full of smoke. He called to Nightwatchman Mobley, who had walked up to the store with him. When Mr. Mobley's lantern was lit it was discovered that the fire had gone out of its own accord on account of the closeness of the room.*

*Aside from the shoe boxes, walls and shelves being blackened, little damage occurred and Mr. Harlan considers himself very fortunate in not having a greater loss. The stock and fixtures were insured and the loss was satisfactorily adjusted by Ben Barnes, the local agent for the company in which it was insured.”<sup>350</sup>*

*“C.A. Mobley, extra Nightwatchman, wished to be reinstated on a salary. Mr. Mobley, in common with other paid officials of the city, has been performing his duties for the past three months without salary. The Board decided that a Nightwatchman was not needed at present.”*

*“C.A. Mobley was reinstated as extra night watch at \$10 per month.”<sup>351</sup>*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on East Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Policeman.

*“C.A. Mobley, salary as Extra Nightwatch \$10.00.”<sup>352</sup>*

*“C. Mobley, services as watchman \$28.13.”<sup>353</sup>*

*“Articles of incorporation of the Pontiac Mining Company were filed with the county clerk Tuesday. The company will operate on the property in the Pine Flat*

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<sup>350</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> February 1900

<sup>351</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 31<sup>st</sup> May 1900

<sup>352</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> January 1901

<sup>353</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 6<sup>th</sup> November 1902

*district and many who have inspected the property speak very encouragingly of the good prospect.*

*The capital stock of the new corporation is \$100,000, and it is divided into a like number of shares of the par value of \$1 each.*

*The board of directors is composed as follows, and the number of shares of stock each has is given:*

*Charles A. Mobley, 12,500 shares; Eugene Warner, 25,000 shares; Mrs. E. Warner, 25,000 shares; H.S. Beach 26,000 shares, and W.P. O'Leary, 12,500 shares.*

*The object for which the company is formed is for the mining of gold and silver and all other metals at Pineflat, "especially the mining of cinnabar and quicksilver." It is understood the new company has already struck some fine leads of quicksilver ore on their claim. The principal place of business will be Healdsburg.*<sup>354</sup>

*"Charles A. Mobley, one of the directors of the Pontiac Mining Company, has just come down from the mine at Pine Flat .and reports a rich strike of cinnabarrom the company's property."*<sup>355</sup>

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1913, he passed away in Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

### **Obituary 1**<sup>356</sup>

The funeral of the late Charles Arthur Mobley, brother of the late City Clerk C.L. Mobley, will occur this morning at 11 o'clock from the residence of his nephew, J. Elmer Mobley, on Fourth Street, the Rev. C. Todd Clark officiating. The Interment will be in the family plot In Rural cemetery. The deceased was sixty-seven years of age and was a native of Ohio. He resided in Kentucky for many years prior to

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<sup>354</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 17<sup>th</sup> January 1903

<sup>355</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 31<sup>st</sup> January 1903

<sup>356</sup> Press Democrat 25<sup>th</sup> November 1913

coming to this State and served as a deputy United States Marshal in that State. He was a kind, genial old gentleman and had many friends here. For some time prior to his last illness Mr. Mobley was flag-man for the Northwestern Pacific at the Third street crossing. Many passersby will miss him from his accustomed stand giving them warning of the approach of trains.

### **Obituary 2<sup>357</sup>**

The funeral of the late Charles A. Mobley was held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from the residence of his nephew, J. Elmer Mobley, with the Rev. C. Todd Clark of the M. E. Church, South, officiating. Mrs. J. T. McDonald rendered several vocal solos accompanied by Mrs. J.P. Berry on the piano. The remains were laid to their final rest in the Mobley plot in Rural cemetery besides those of his brother, the late City Clerk C.E. Mobley A large number of floral offerings sent by friends covered the newly-made grave.

### **Constable Thomas Leonard Neely**

Thomas Leonard Neely was born in January 1839 in Missouri to Thomas Lewis Neely and Cynthia Reed. In October 1863, he registered for the Civil War Draft in Marysville, Yuba County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Marysville, Yuba County, California working as a Teamster. On the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1871, he married Katie Stone<sup>358</sup> in Biggs Station, Yuba County, California. In 1872, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Marysville Ward 4, Yuba County, California working as a Teamster. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Railroad Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.

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<sup>357</sup> Press Democrat 26<sup>th</sup> November 1913

<sup>358</sup> Daughter of William Wirt and Mary E. Stone

*“On Thursday a tramp reported to Marshal Leard that he had stopped the preceding night in J.D. Grant's barn, and while there he discovered some property under the hay which had every appearance of being concealed. The Marshal and Constable Neely repaired to the scene and found an unbroken package of a thousand cigarettes, a Colts' pistol and some blankets. Some of these articles may have been stolen from the store of Lindsay in Windsor, which was recently burglarized. As a reward of \$135 is offered for the arrest and conviction of the burglars, this clue may lead to their apprehension.”<sup>359</sup>*

*“T.L. Neely reports that on last Sunday morning there called at his home a hale and hearty specimen of the called tramp, and after familiarly saluting Mr. N. pre-emptorily demanded that he prepare some breakfast for him. Upon Mr. N. informing his lordship that he was neither operating a tramps hotel or conducting a lunch house for lazy and indolent specimens of humanity like he was, he was told that it made no difference, he was hungry and must be fed, and seating himself comfortably in a prepared to wait until he had been satisfied. But it came sooner and in a manner that he did not expect, and he suddenly forgot that he was hungry and that he had ordered his breakfast.”<sup>360</sup>*

*“A presumptions vagrant hied himself to the home of T.L. Neely, this city, on Sunday morning and demanded a meal of the best the house could afford. As a mild refusal to comply with his demand only made the visitor more persistent and boisterous, the head of the house donned his constabulary boots and administered a summary retribution that abruptly brought to an end his forbidding call and hastened his exit from the tragic stage.”<sup>361</sup>*

*“T.L. Neely has purchased the Sotoyome Stables of Mrs. A.E. Cochran.”<sup>362</sup>*

*“Harry Truitt has sold his draying business to T.L. Neely of this city.”<sup>363</sup>*

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<sup>359</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 16<sup>th</sup> March 1889

<sup>360</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 28<sup>th</sup> August 1889

<sup>361</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 31<sup>st</sup> August 1889

<sup>362</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 25<sup>th</sup> September 1889

<sup>363</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 27<sup>th</sup> November 1889

*“Chas. A. York has purchased from T.L. Neely a half interest in the Sotoyome livery stables.”<sup>364</sup>*

*“Deputy Sheriff Leard, in company with Constable Neely and Joel Raygen, went to Cloverdale Monday to auction off the Sissengood property at that place, because of the non-payment of taxes thereon.”<sup>365</sup>*

*“T.L. Neely has taken the place of Ed Bale in driving the Union Hotel bus.”<sup>366</sup>*

*“T.L. Neely asked the Board permission to fence the open lot at the northern terminus of Center street, and convert it into a potato patch. He said he would compensate the city by plowing up that shrubbery, thus adding much beauty to the thoroughfare.”<sup>367</sup>*

*“T.L. Neely of this place was made the victim of a practical joke last Thursday night and the perpetrators may thank their stars that their lives were spared. Thos. D. Reynolds made arrangements with Mr. Neely to capture the Clear Lake stage robber, who was actually supposed to be in hiding around Healdsburg. Reynolds made the pretense that the criminal was near Oak Mound cemetery. Reynolds handed his coadjutor a double barrel shotgun which he carefully loaded with decoy cartridges. They both then started to the place and upon reaching their destination Neely discovered “the man he was looking for” and, covering him with his gun, he ordered him to surrender. The alleged bandit would not only make no such submission, but made a rush at the would-be captor. Neely pulled both triggers of the gun, but without the desired effect, and a second later the “stage robber” sprang upon him. He took Neely’s gun and then tied him to a tree. Reynolds in the meantime fled and there was Neely pinioned fast and no assistance near. But after some time he finally managed to wriggle himself loose and returned to town where he told a most thrilling story of his appalling adventure, but it was only a short time afterward when he discovered that it was “only a little fun.” The joke would not have resulted so very funny had Mr. Neely*

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<sup>364</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 15<sup>th</sup> February 1890

<sup>365</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1890

<sup>366</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 4<sup>th</sup> September 1890

<sup>367</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> April 1891

*had another weapon with him. He proved to be very daring and gritty when he struggled with the "bandit," and judging from that he would have finished the jokers completely."*<sup>368</sup>

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Liveryman.

*"T.L. Neely, who was recently awarded the contract to carry mail between Healdsburg and Calistoga is making an effort to get the government to allow a daily service and he will doubtless succeed. There are at the present time but three mails per week going to and coming from Calistoga and the residents along the route are very much dissatisfied. Mr. Neely is offered a good bonus to make round trips daily and when the mail contract begins he will run a stage to carry passengers. The stage will leave Healdsburg every morning at 7 o'clock, a.m., arriving at Calistoga at 11 o'clock and connecting with the train there from San Francisco, Vallejo, Napa and St. Helena; returning the stage will leave Calistoga at 1 p.m., reaching this place at 6:30 in time to connect with the north-bound train to Cloverdale and other points north."*<sup>369</sup>

*"T.L. Neely is making preparations for his proposed stage line between Healdsburg and Calistoga. By the first of July he will have his new stage here. The conveyance will be commodious, imposing and costly."*<sup>370</sup>

*"On the 2nd of this month T.L. Neely entered on his contract with the postal department in carrying mails between Healdsburg and Calistoga and is running a neat and comfortable conveyance for the transportation of passengers. Trips are made from this point on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the return on the days alternating. Mr. Neely says that if the business justifies him he will put on another stage and make round trips every day."*<sup>371</sup>

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<sup>368</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 26<sup>th</sup> November 1891

<sup>369</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 12<sup>th</sup> April 1894

<sup>370</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> May 1894

<sup>371</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 12<sup>th</sup> July 1894

*“T.L. Neely is expecting the contract for a daily mail to and from Calistoga. T.L. Neely has started a stage line between Healdsburg and Calistoga and carries the mail also.”<sup>372</sup>*

*“Constable Neely was summoned to arrest one Charles Iles of Windsor for malicious mischief Saturday and the culprit was fined \$5. Iles without provocation shot and killed a valuable dog belonging to J.A. Lane near Geyserville on that day and he admitted the unjustifiable cause of his act. A more serious charge, it is said, will be brought against Iles by Lane.”<sup>373</sup>*

*“T.L. Neely has begun running his stages on the new schedule, that is making round trips from Healdsburg to Calistoga daily, leaving here at 7 in the morning, arriving at the other end at 12 o’clock in time to connect with the railroad trains and all stages and returning from there at 1 in the afternoon.”<sup>374</sup>*

*“Tuesday afternoon a purse containing \$85 in gold was stolen from The Arcade. Several Indians from Ukiah were in the store shortly before the loss was discovered and they were suspected of the theft. They had started north in a wagon with a pair of ossified “nags” and Constable Neely with Murray Jacobs were sent out to intercept them and make a search for the booty. The Indians were overtaken at Asti, but no money was found upon them. They were, however, held there until yesterday morning when they were brought to Healdsburg.”<sup>375</sup>*

*“On the morning of the 8th, inst., two wayward youths, Ed Doughty and Harry Carter, both living here with their parents, secured a horse and buggy at the Sotoyome stables on the pretense that the mother of the former wanted the outfit for her use. Nothing was thought of the matter till night came and the pair of youngsters had not yet returned. The next day when they failed to put in an appearance Mr. Neely, the owner of the rig, became alarmed and sent broadcast the news that the boys had decamped with his horse and buggy, Sheriff Johnson of Mendocino county sent a telegram to the constable at Willits to be on the lookout*

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<sup>372</sup> Sonoma Democrat 14<sup>th</sup> July 1894

<sup>373</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 25<sup>th</sup> October 1894

<sup>374</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 1<sup>st</sup> November 1894

<sup>375</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 15<sup>th</sup> November 1894



*for them and on Monday they were apprehended by the latter who placed them under arrest. Constable Neely who had been on their trail arrived at Willits shortly afterward and he became the custodian of the precocious crooks. Mr. Neely learned that Doughty and Carter made a trade with a man by the name of Mosier to give him the horse for \$15 and the buggy for \$10, but the deal was not completed when it became known to Mr. Neely. Mosier told the boys he thought they had stolen the horse and buggy, but they claimed to have paid \$37.50 for them with the money they earned in the hop-field. They said they wanted the money to get to Fort Bragg. It appears that before the arrest was made the pair borrowed a Winchester from Mosier and hid it by the roadside a quarter of a mile from Willits where they intended to get it and make away with it when they started on their tramp to Fort Bragg. Constable Neely recovered the turnout and with his prisoners he started homeward, arriving in Cloverdale late at night. The next morning the trip to Healdsburg was completed. The horse was in a bad condition and tired till it could scarcely go any farther. Grand larceny was charged against the boys and their case was heard by Judge Coffman Tuesday. They admitted that the testimony Mr. Neely gave was true and each of the boys was held in \$300. The father of Doughty expressed his desire that the district attorney file information as soon as possible and that the boys be sent to the Whittier Reform School. Yesterday morning before they were taken to Santa Rosa they remarked with an air of bravado that if they had a gun and Constable Leard had attempted to capture them they would have "pumped" him full of lead. Both boys have lawless propensities and their parents could do nothing with them. They are not in the least penitent and say they would do the same thing over again if they had the chance. Doughty is 14 and Carter is a year younger."<sup>376</sup>*

*"The Indians who were accused of stealing a purse containing \$85 from The Arcade one day last week and were intercepted by Constable Neely at Asti while on their way to Ukiah were brought back to Healdsburg yesterday a week. There proved to be an insufficiency of evidence against the Indians and they were*

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<sup>376</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 15<sup>th</sup> November 1894

*discharged from custody. There is no clue into the miscreant and he will probably never be known.*"<sup>377</sup>

*"Arthur H. Clyma has bought the Sotoyome Stables of Thomas L. Neely and he will continue the business henceforth in his name. Mr. Neely only disposed of the stock, vehicles and harness and will concentrate his attention upon his stage line between Healdsburg and Calistoga. Mr. Clyma came here from Gridley, Sutter County."*<sup>378</sup>

*"Saturday last a dispute over the ownership of a horse at the Sotoyome stables resulted in an altercation between T.L. Neely and A.H. Clyma, who is reputed to have bought the stables of the former. It appears that when the transfer was made certain horses were retained by Mr. Neely for his own use in conveying the mails between this city and Calistoga and on Saturday morning when he attempted to take a horse Mr. Clyma protested and a fisticuff followed, in which the succeeding owner was worsted. The bout was a fierce one and participated in by Neely's son and Fred Brott also, who went to the assistance of the predecessor. Mr. Clyma swore out a complaint against Mr. Neely and the case was set for hearing yesterday when it was dismissed."*<sup>379</sup>

*"A thousand and one thoughts of a tragic finale must have flashed through the mind of W. Rainey Haigh Monday morning as his prostrate form lay in the freshly-sprinkled thoroughfare in front of the Sotoyome Hotel while the horses were waltzing on him and the bus of the Sotoyome Hotel was rolling over his athletic physique. He had a close call and it is simply marvelous that he did not become maimed or receive injuries that would even temporarily render him disabled. He was mounted on his silent steed and riding ahead of the bus when he ran over a dog, throwing the wheel under the feet of the horses which were traveling quite lively at the time. Rainey could not escape the weighty hoofs of the equities and was unable to extricate himself until the wagon had passed over him, too. T.L. Neely, the driver, saw all of casualty, but he could not stop his team quick enough*

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<sup>377</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1894

<sup>378</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 31<sup>st</sup> January 1895

<sup>379</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 21<sup>st</sup> March 1895

*to avert it. The passengers in the bus and the other spectators were greatly startled, but Rainey was instantly upon his feet again and it was an agreeable surprise to all that he survived his thrilling experience. The bus wheels made tracks upon the nether part of his body, but however ponderous was the weight of the conveyance it only inflicted a few bruises on the young man's legs. His wheel was twisted a little out of shape, but otherwise Rainey owes thanks to Fortune that it was not worse and to King Lucifer that his Satanic greatness was obliging enough to give him a reprieve."*<sup>380</sup>

In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Capitalist. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on University Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Day Laborer.

*"T.L. Neeley of Healdsburg has in his possession a cuff button which was taken from the dead body of a Filipino captain. The button is of copper, the top overlaid with gold and engraved. The memento has a history; Joseph Wells, a nephew of Mr. Neeley, was a soldier in the Filipino war, and one night while on guard duty with two companions they were attacked and his comrades were killed. As dawn approached Wells discovered a man concealed in a tree, from which vantage point occasional shots were fired. Wells drew a bead upon the Filipino shooter, and had the satisfaction of seeing a gua drop from the tree. He did not go to the spot, but reported the incident when he returned to headquarters. A detail of men was given Wells and they went to the spot and found a Filipino captain in the tree, dead, but tied about the waist. On his person was found a gold watch and \$130 in money. As a memento of the event Wells took the button from the shirt cuff of the dead insurgent. The watch and coin were presented to Wells by the captain of his company."*<sup>381</sup>

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<sup>380</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 4<sup>th</sup> July 1895

<sup>381</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 5<sup>th</sup> September 1901

*“T.L. Neeley last week purchased the Farnsworth place on west Grant Street. Mr. Neeley has taken possession and intends setting out some table grapes and making other improvements. It is a fine home.”<sup>382</sup>*

*“The plaza never looked better than now, under the able supervision of T.L. Neeley. Early and late he is looking after the necessary duties to keep the main attraction of the city in proper condition. In years gone by, Mr. Neeley cared for the Leland Stanford gardens at Palo Alto.”<sup>383</sup>*

When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Healdsburg Road in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a General Farmer. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1923, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### **Obituary<sup>384</sup>**

Thomas L. Neeley, one of the earliest pioneers of the Healdsburg section, died today at the age of 82 years. He was one of that hardy race of empire builders who crossed the plains in the golden days, and arrived in California when he was but a boy.

Settling in the Healdsburg section, he made his home in this city for 67 years. Deceased was a native of Missouri. He is survived by a son and a daughter, William R. Neeley and Mrs. Eva Kruse of Healdsburg.

### **Constable Lewis Adelbert Norton Jr.**

Lewis Adelbert Norton Jr was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 1870 in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California to Lewis Adelbert Norton Sr. and Minnie Molloy. When the

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<sup>382</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 7<sup>th</sup> March 1907

<sup>383</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 25<sup>th</sup> June 1908

<sup>384</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 15<sup>th</sup> February 1923

1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

*“L.A. Norton was sworn in as deputy marshal by Clerk Raymond on last Monday evening.”<sup>385</sup>*

On the 4<sup>th</sup> May 1894, he married Annie Mae/May Lance<sup>386</sup> in Sonoma County, California.

*“Lew Norton’s record in police work is all the assurance we want that he will make an efficient constable. Give him your vote.”<sup>387</sup>*

*“Col. Humphry's band with its entire personnel, after three years or more of obscurity, once more presented themselves to public gaze and terrorized the heart of every man, woman and child in the community Tuesday evening with their musical torment. The cause of the sudden revival of Col. Humphry’s band was the coming of A.L. Bangle, the San Francisco clarinetist, to whom this misfit organization was respectfully dedicated. “Bun” had not been here for so long that it was a treat to see him among us again and the platform of the depot was crowded by men and women to greet him as he alighted from the train. This, however, was not done according to the happy contemplations, owing to some error which arose and caused Constable Norton to seize the musician, his instruments and the box containing his oilier hat (size 8 3/4) to wear on his return to San Francisco. Bangle’s pugnacity was too well-known for the officer to take any chances and his hands were at once manacled. In the custody of the officer “Bun” was put aboard an improvised patrol wagon, and led by Col. Humphry's band, was taken through the thoroughfares to the city prison. There it was discovered, after Prof. Smith, George Bailhache and Jack Valerga had furnished bail for the release of the prisoner, that the telegram Norton received contained*

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<sup>385</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> June 1893

<sup>386</sup> Daughter of James Alfred Lance and Elizabeth M. Spencer

<sup>387</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 6<sup>th</sup> September 1894

*the instruction to "Let Bangle not go with an anomalous exuberance of respiratory viands," and Lew Norton only misconstrued its meaning."<sup>388</sup>*

*"A wily young solicitor, who came here a few days ago to ply his vocation, but failed to make both ends meet by legitimate efforts, decided to practice some other means to enhance his funds. He uttered false cheques in small sums and cashed them at different business places. When the drafts were presented at the banks Monday they were at once pronounced worthless. The young fellow in the meantime hired a horse and buggy to go to Windsor, but Constable Norton was instructed to make pursuit and by telephone message the crafty solicitor was detained by an authority there. Norton brought him back here in the afternoon. The matter was settled, he making good the amounts of the cheques. Owing to the fact that the young man was not prosecuted it would be unfair to give his name and thus bring any further injury to his person. This is a lesson, however, which he will doubtless heed all the rest of his life."<sup>389</sup>*

*"An alarm of fire on Sunday night last at 11:30, startled the residents of the town who had just lapsed into their first slumbers.*

*The cause of the alarm proved to be a blaze in the house on Grant street, North Healdsburg, owned by Mr. Geo. Wheeler, but formerly the property of the Sinclairs. The house stands alone in the lot, and although the fire department was quickly on the spot, the fire had gained such headway that no attempt was made to extinguish the blaze, and the building was quickly reduced to ashes.*

*The fire was doubtless the work of an incendiary, and Marshal Ingalls and Constable Norton arrested Sam and Bob Sinclair upon suspicion for the crime. Sam Sinclair had been in liquor during the day and had made frequent threats that he would "get even" with somebody for being "swindled" out of his interest in the property which had lately passed out of their hands.*

*Anticipating trouble of some sort Officers Ingalls and Norton and Nightwatch Mason had kept Sam under surveillance. He was observed in the neighborhood of*

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<sup>388</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 7<sup>th</sup> May 1896

<sup>389</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 26<sup>th</sup> November 1896

*the property, and shortly afterward Nightwatchb Mason saw a bright glare through the windows of the house. The door was forced open and the walls and canvas ceiling of the room were found to be ablaze, paper being scattered about the floor.*

*Sam was soon discovered in hiding in the cornfield near the house, and was taken to the city prison and charged with the crime.*

*Bob was also on the spot at the beginning of the fire, and was arrested on suspicion of complicity.*

*The preliminary examination has been set for Saturday before Judge Pond.*<sup>390</sup>

*“L.A. Norton of Healdsburg has secured an appointment under Secretary of State Curry.”*<sup>391</sup>

*“Lew Norton has been appointed a watchman by Secretary of State Curry.”*<sup>392</sup>

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Sacramento Ward 7, Sacramento County, California working as a State Capitor Markerman. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Sacramento Ward 7, Sacramento County, California working as a Clerk for the California Secretary of State. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Sacramento Assembly District 15, Sacramento County, California working as a Clerk Board Contract. When the 1930 Census was taken he is making his home in Sacramento Assembly District 15. On the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1938, he passed away in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. He was laid to rest is Masonic Lawn Cemetery in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California.

### **Obituary**<sup>393</sup>

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<sup>390</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 21<sup>st</sup> July 1898

<sup>391</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 15<sup>th</sup> December 1898

<sup>392</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 5<sup>th</sup> January 1899

<sup>393</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> June 1938

Word was received in Healdsburg Thursday morning of the death, at 2:30 a.m., in the Sutter hospital, Sacramento, of Lewis A. Norton, 67, native son of Healdsburg, who was stricken two weeks ago with a paralytic stroke and who had never regained consciousness since that time.

Norton was born and raised in this community. At maturity, he was one of the community's most prominent citizens. In the early 90s he married Annie Lance, of Cloverdale. He was chief of the fire department, drum major of the old Sotoyome band, and active in politics.

In about 1898 he moved to Sacramento where he became a deputy under Charles F. Curry, then Secretary of State. For many years he served as head of the state corporation department and as head accountant of the finance department.

In 1935 Norton was retired on a pension, the first state employee to reach retiring age since passage of the retirement act. At that time he was guest of honor at a big banquet in Sacramento, attended by the governor and many high state officials. He had been making his home at Mokelumne Hill, in the Sierras, and often came to Healdsburg to renew acquaintances and talk over old times with his many friends.

Norton is survived by his wife, a son, Edward, of Stockton, and a daughter, Mrs. Anita Green, of Sacramento. He leaves a sister, Mrs. May Nevin, of San Francisco. He was uncle of Edward R. Norton of Healdsburg, Lewis M. Norton of San Francisco, and Mrs. Hillard Bevis of the bay area.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at Sacramento at 10 o'clock, but the place where services will be held in Sacramento was not learned here up to press time. Burial will take place there, it is understood.

### **Marshal/Nightwatchman William Marion Norton**

William Marion Norton was born about 1833 in Canada. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Mackinac County, Michigan working as a



Lumberman. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Cosumnes, El Dorado County, California working as a Ditch Agent. On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1863, he registered for the Civil War Draft while residing in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Boat Builder. On the 9<sup>th</sup> December 1866, he married Philinda South<sup>394</sup> in Sonoma County, California. In 1867, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Millman. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Lumberman.

*“Norton’s mill was recently moved to May’s Canon near Guerneville. Last Tuesday, while Wm. M Norton was at work in this mill, his left hand was struck by the large circular saw and shockingly mutilated. A wide, ragged cut was made from the last joint of the forefinger, ranging slightly towards the wrist, across the back of the hand, through the tendons and bones, growing deeper till at the outer edge the hand was cut clear through. Mr. Norton came to Healdsburg and had the wound dressed by Dr. Rape. The Doctor found it necessary to take off the little finger, but hopes to be able to save the other fingers, though it is not probable that more than the first finger will be of any use.”<sup>395</sup>*

*“Wm. Norton has met with another misfortune; this time in his in machinery. The head of the cylinder blew out, causing a week's delay while repairs were made in the city.”<sup>396</sup>*

*“Wm. Norton was appointed special police after January 1, 1876, at a salary of \$10 per month, vice J. Dempsey, time expired.”<sup>397</sup>*

*“The resignation of Wm. Norton, special police, was read and on motion accepted. The bill of Wm. Norton, \$5.00, for one-half month’s services as Special Police was ordered paid”<sup>398</sup>*

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<sup>394</sup> Daughter of Samuel South and Marada Ann Bascom

<sup>395</sup> Russian River Flag 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1875

<sup>396</sup> Russian River Flag 5<sup>th</sup> August 1875

<sup>397</sup> Russian River Flag 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1875

<sup>398</sup> Russian River Flag 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1876

*“Wm. Norton, having resigned his position as Special Police in this City, started for the Black Hills yesterday morning.”<sup>399</sup>*

*“Joseph Patrick has received the appointment of Special Policeman vice William Norton, resigned, and can now be found at any hour in the night “shooting” his dark lantern at all suspicious objects about the streets.”<sup>400</sup>*

*“Wm. Norton arrived direct from the Black Hills last evening. He reports few claims paying sufficient to work them and these will be exhausted in three months’ time. All the flattering reports of that region come from the transportation companies. Indians well killing miners all around him; hundreds are in a state of starvation. Flour is \$21 per hundred; bacon, 45cts. per pound; potatoes, 17 cents; other provisions, (excepting whiskey), almost impossible to obtain. A more detailed account next week.”<sup>401</sup>*

*“Leaving Healdsburg for the Blackhills on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March last, I went direct to Cheyenne, arriving there on the 28th; made arrangements to leave on the 31st, but on the preceding evening it commenced snowing very hard, continuing till the 2d of April; waiting a few days for it to settle, we left on the 4th, at noon, going by way of the “Cut-off” following the most direct road to Fort Laramie. We traveled 93 miles to the Fort, passing the following stations; First day, Pole Creek, 18 miles; second day, the head of Chug Water creek, 33 miles; third day, Chug Spring, 24 miles; fourth day, Fort Laramie, 18 miles—these are measured distances.*

*Beyond the Fort is the Government Farm, 14 miles; Raw Hide ranch, 16 miles; Niobrara River, or “Running Water, 13 miles; Hat Spring creek, 22 miles; last camp on Indian creek, 24 miles; Cheyenne river, 33 miles; the Springs, 30 miles--making the total distance from Cheyenne to Castar City, approximately, 270 miles. This is the recognized estimate, but in my opinion, it is not less than 350 miles.*

*The water after leaving Fort Laramie is generally bad—containing alkali, in part;—the only good water is in Hat creek. Cheyenne River affords the worst water on the*

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<sup>399</sup> Russian River Flag 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1876

<sup>400</sup> Russian River Flag 30<sup>th</sup> March 1876

<sup>401</sup> Russian River Flag 11<sup>th</sup> May 1876

*route; it is a stream carrying about 100 miner's inches at it's common stage; wood on the route is scarce in many places. Between Fort Laramie and Cheyenne City at the different stations meals can be obtained at 50 to 75 cents; beyond Cheyenne, the same cannot be had at scarcely any price; liquid accommodations however, are plentiful at 25 cents per drink.*

*The place where the most of the Indian depredations are committed is on Indian creek, in Red canon. The road runs down Indian creek 16 miles; Red canon 6 miles from Cheyenne river towards Custar city, and the road runs 14 miles through the canon.*

*Upon our arrival at Custar City we pitched our tent on French creek, and taking our pans went out to prospect. I got from the "color" up to 4 cents per pan. Bank or bar claims were the only kind on French creek. There are about 20 inches of water in the stream. I saw where some holes had been sunk in the bed of the creek, but they were full of water; was informed by the men who had sunk them that they were all the way from 18 to 30 feet deep, and in many of them they had been unable to raise the "color," and in no place found more than 2 cents on the bed rock.*

*I found the best prospect at the heads of the gulches, but these places were entirely inaccessible to water. I went from Custar city to Rosebud canon, 20 miles further on. I found it a dry canon; water in holes and in no place running more than 20 or 30 rods; it was abandoned, or nearly so; holes had been sunk the entire length; found gold in a few places, but nothing that would pay even had there been water enough to work it. I went back to Custar city and watched around for information. I found Hill city had been deserted, and but one claim on Rapid creek; in this they claimed to be making \$49 per day, but I did not prospect it, did not go to Deadwood, and other points to the North, as the roads were dangerous. The distance from Custar city to Deadwood is 60 miles, and no way of getting there except on foot. From many miners whom I've known in times gone by in the California mines, and who had just returned from Deadwood, I learn that the diggings were much better than at Custar, and vicinity, but that there was no way to get claims except by buying them; and that they were held above their return*

*value. The claims on Deadwood, according to the statement of my friends, were about 3 feet deep, the lead averaging in width about 19 feet; length up and down the creek, 2 1/2 miles. It seems to be the only regular, lead found; all other places, the gold only in spots.*

*The character of the country is flat; the streams of any size (so far as my observations went) are below the gold fields, and not full enough to get water to them. I saw no place that could be farmed to any extent, and the timber was very poor; it is thick on the ground, not small and scrubby. In fact, the whole country has been badly misrepresented-- the mines the least so of any part of it.*

*There are no stages running farther than Fort Laramie, and never have been, though the stage companies tried to establish them. They built stations and sent out stock, but the Indians killed the Superintendent and ran off part of the horses so the rest were withdrawn; though they still advertise stage lines, and sell through tickets. No one need count on riding; they may pay for it, but to get freight hauled and walk is the only way to get there.*

*The country is full of men flat broke, and there is no employment of any kind for them. Where they did hire wages were \$1 per day for common laborers, not found.*

*Carpenters, \$1.25 per day with boarding, \$2.50 without.*

*The Indians are very bad. They have run off the stock from Castor city, so there is not enough teams left to haul wood into town. They come in the daytime within a half mile of town, and there is no safety in getting around only in large parties, and then they must be well armed and move with the utmost caution.*

*If the mines were ever so good, the Indians would prevent any work this season, and until some settlement is made with them. But interested parties are still trying to keep up the excitement till they can sell off their property; and the railroad companies help them, as it is policy for them to do so —there is money in it for them.*

*I have endeavored to give a fair statement of facts so far as I have gone, but as this communication would otherwise be too long I have omitted many important and interesting points.*

*Wm. Norton. Healdsburg, May 17, 1876.*<sup>402</sup>

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Railroad Street in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Lumberman.

*“The City Trustees held a special meeting last Monday evening and appointed Wm. M. Norton City Marshal vice J.L. Sewell deceased. Mr. Norton was also appointed night-watch. A resolution was presented placing the salary of the night-watch at \$50.00 per month instead of \$20.00 per month and the resolution will be acted upon at a further meeting of the Board.”*<sup>403</sup>



*William and Philinda Norton*

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<sup>402</sup> Russian River Flag 18<sup>th</sup> May 1876

<sup>403</sup> Russian River Flag 25<sup>th</sup> October 1883

*“The residences of Moses Bond was burglarized on Friday night, Mrs. Thompson’s, on Tucker street on Sunday night, and on Tuesday night would be burglars were driven away from Isaac Gum’s, at the end of a revolver. At the first place they obtained a watch, etc., and at the next sixteen dollars in cash. Marshal Norton is doing all he can to ferret out the guilty parties. Residents will do well not to allow any tramping peddlers to enter their houses, or inspect the premises, for they may be admitting the burglar of the very next night.”<sup>404</sup>*

*“Two young men were arrested last Monday night by constable Truitt and placed in the custody of Marshal Norton who put them in the calaboose, as they were using loud and vulgar language and were supposed to be the persons who have been prowling about houses after night. One, on failing to be identified the next morning, was released on the Marshal thinking it the best manner to get rid of the other one, gave him a certain number of hours to leave town. If seen again they will be arrested under the vagrant act and sent below. The officers deserve much commendation for their promptness; and tramps and vags will avoid our city in consequence.”<sup>405</sup>*

*“The ordinance limiting drivers to a speed of six miles per hour (which is little more than a walk,) has been enforced during the past week. On Wednesday of last week R.K. Truitt and Dr. C.L. Fierce came down West street side by side, each driving a quick horse, and going at near a four minute gait. Some of the bystanders remarked that they should be fined for fast driving, and Marshal Norton coming along was informed of the brush, when he resolved to enforce the ordinance. They were arrested next day and fined six dollars each. W.F. Miller and Albert Garrett paying like amount for same offense. Horsemen are indignant that the Trustees should place the limit at six miles per hour which is a slow jog trot, most of them thinking that ten miles per hour would be more reasonable.”<sup>406</sup>*

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<sup>404</sup> Russian River Flag 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1883

<sup>405</sup> Russian River Flag 6<sup>th</sup> December 1883

<sup>406</sup> Russian River Flag 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1884

In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register living in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Millman. In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as an Engineer.

*“Last Friday Judge Dougherty came up from Santa Rosa and together with Dr. Swisher and Dr. Coffman made an inquest into the mental condition of Wm. Norton and they adjudged him insane. He was committed to the asylum for the insane at Napa and was taken there the following day. The complaint was made by his wife whom, she claims, he threatened on several occasions to slay her saying, ‘I have to kill you, but I don’t like to. It must be done,’ etc. He was a brother to the late L.A. Norton, whose name is familiar to pioneers in California. Wm. Norton is now in his seventies and has been here for many years. For some months past his mind has been affected, but it was only until lately that his affliction was considered to be nothing more than or less than absent-mindedness. His inability to perform any labor the past two years has kept him in destitute circumstances and he and his wife were granted a monthly allowance by the Board of Supervisors some time since.”<sup>407</sup>*

Sometime around 1897, he passed away. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.<sup>408</sup>

## **Deputy Marshal William Francis O’Leary**

William Francis O’Leary was born in October 1863<sup>409</sup> in Massachusetts to Nicholas O’Leary and Ellen McLaughlin. In 1882, he is found on the Voter Register making his home at 68 Natoma Street in San Francisco, California.

*“The thousand barrels of whiskey (more or less) have arrived, and are now on tap at the “White House,” between Fox’s and Goldstein’s. Jno. King & Co. are the proprietors, and Mr. O’Leary the responsible man in charge. Mr. O’Leary proposes to close on Sunday and every night at 8 o’clock—being the first to adopt the*

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<sup>407</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 17<sup>th</sup> January 1895

<sup>408</sup> Unmarked grave Lot 169 Grave 7 net to his wife

<sup>409</sup> Other possible Birthday could be 1<sup>st</sup> January 1862 according to California Death Index

*suggestion of the Flag, on these points. No gambling is to be allowed and no attempt made to "bust" the charter and run the town."*<sup>410</sup>

*"W.F. O'Leary, the wholesale liquor merchant of Healdsburg, has a new advertisement in this issue of the Flag. He announces a fine line of liquors, wines and cigars, at cheap prices."*<sup>411</sup>

*"On Sunday evening W.F. O'Leary and George Seawell were driving in a buggy from Santa Rosa to Healdsburg. As they approached a bridge near Wright's, about seven o'clock, another team came alongside, and the horse shied, running the buggy off the bridge and into a gully three or four feet deep, O'Leary and Seawell were both thrown out. Seawell escaped with a few slight bruises. O'Leary struck on his head and became unconscious from the concussion. His face was badly bruised, and it was several hours before he fully recovered consciousness. No bones were broken, and, fortunately, no serious injury resulted. In a few days he will be as good as new."*<sup>412</sup>

*"W.F. O'Leary was sworn in last Saturday as deputy Marshal. We hope he will not have to use his club very often."*<sup>413</sup>

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1888, he married Lena C. Fried<sup>414</sup> in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

*"W. F. O'Leary and wife have been enjoying a visit from Mrs. Ellen O'Leary, Miss Nellie Veir and Frank O'Leary, all of San Francisco."*<sup>415</sup>

*"To-morrow W.F. O'Leary and party leave this city on a camping tour through Northern Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties. They intend to be gone about two weeks."*<sup>416</sup>

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<sup>410</sup> Russian River Flag 14<sup>th</sup> February 1884

<sup>411</sup> Russian River Flag 11<sup>th</sup> August 1886

<sup>412</sup> Russian River Flag 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1886

<sup>413</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 27<sup>th</sup> June 1888

<sup>414</sup> Daughter of Henry and Fredericka Fried

<sup>415</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 27<sup>th</sup> April 1889

<sup>416</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1889



*“W.F. O’Leary has gone to Portland, Oregon, in answer to a telegram announcing the illness of his brother at that place.”<sup>417</sup>*

*“The election of W.F. O’Leary, Chief Engineer, met with the approval of the Board.”<sup>418</sup>*

*“Wm. O’Leary has just had completed a beautifully appointed card room in the rear of his saloon.”<sup>419</sup>*

*“The resignation of W.F. O’Leary as chief engineer of the fire department was tendered the board and was accepted unanimously.”<sup>420</sup>*

*“Now that the feud between the Healdsburg Hose Co. No. 1 and the municipal council has ended it would not be out of place to review the unpleasantness in an unbiased and fair spirit. A mere misunderstanding on the part of the City Trustees, who were under the impression that the firemen were always wanting material that was unnecessary, is the only thing accountable for the disruption.*

*For fourteen years the Healdsburg Hose Co. had been serving this city gallantly and the members were always earnest and zealous in the performance of their duties. When called upon to quench fires, they responded promptly and fought with the strongest determination. These assertions no one dares deny!*

*In accordance with the statute enacted by the last Legislature, which provides that all members serving five years in a fire company shall be exempt from jury duty, road tax, etc., and shall be presented with certificates of exemption, Chief O’Leary appeared before the board and requested that body to procure such documents.*

*In compliance a committee was appointed to obtain samples and prices.*

*At the meeting in July the said committee reported progress and on request was granted further time. At the meeting in August the said committee reported progress and on request was granted further time. This kind of progress was not very progressive and the veteran firemen realized that their services were not*

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<sup>417</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1890

<sup>418</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 5<sup>th</sup> February 1891

<sup>419</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 16<sup>th</sup> July 1891

<sup>420</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 6<sup>th</sup> August 1891

*appreciated enough to urge a more expedient action in the matter; however, Chief O'Leary came before the Board to investigate the obstacles and a very disagreeable controversy ensued. At the next meeting of the Council Chief O'Leary formally and without any hostility tendered his resignation. It was accepted unanimously. The adherents of the efficient chief, feeling that they were not granted their rights, with good feeling also tendered their resignation to the Board from active service, but kindly volunteered their services for thirty days in order to give the city ample time to organize a new company. Their terms were accepted with an air of extreme independence by the Board. This is the sum and substance of the whole racket.*

*But the Trustees committed a most vexatious act when they tendered a vote of thanks to the Hook and Ladder Co. for their loyalty and did not acknowledge the good hard service of fourteen years of the Healdsburg Hose Co. Not only did they rebuke them in this manner, but they gave them an order to vacate their meeting room within five days. Such was the reward of the Healdsburg Hose Co., though the members of that company still maintain their loyalty to the city as was proved at the fire last Friday morning when eight of the twelve members of that company were on hand and perseveringly tried to extinguish the conflagration. All these matters go to show that the City Council did not perfectly justly deal with the Hose Co. and that the latter was not deservedly recognized by the city."<sup>421</sup>*

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg #2 working as a Merchant.

*"W.F. O'Leary has accepted a position as bar-keeper at the German Beer Hall."<sup>422</sup>*

*"W.F. O'Leary received the sad tidings on the evening of the Fourth that his father died in Portland, Or., that day. The old gentleman was a native of Ireland and aged 70 years. The remains were brought to San Francisco by steamer and were buried there on Tuesday."<sup>423</sup>*

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<sup>421</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 15<sup>th</sup> October 1891

<sup>422</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> March 1893

<sup>423</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 12<sup>th</sup> July 1894

*“Wm. F. O’Leary and family have returned from San Francisco, where Mr. O’Leary had been attending his uncle, Fergus O’Leary for the last three months. His relative died on July 24th.”<sup>424</sup>*

*“Mr. Si Hilgerloh has disposed of his well-known saloon, the While House, to Wm. F. O’Leary, for many years associated with him in the management of the resort. Mr. Hilgerloh’s health has been poor for some time, and he deemed a change necessary Mr. O’Leary will spare no pains to please his patrons in the future as in the past.”<sup>425</sup>*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on East Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Merchant.

*“A petition for a license to conduct a saloon in the building adjoining the store of Neel & Hayes was received from W.F. O’Leary and G.C. Seawell. Granted.”<sup>426</sup>*

*“The family of W.F. O’Leary, who have been staying in Healdsburg since the earthquake, will return to the city to-day to reside.”<sup>427</sup>*

When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home at 3916 29<sup>th</sup> Street in San Francisco, California.

*“W.F. O’Leary, former Healdsburg resident, now in San Francisco with the Luckenbach Steamship Company, with his family, is visiting at the home of Ed. Haigh, his brother-in-law. They will visit here several days. Mrs. O’Leary and Mrs. Haigh are sisters.”<sup>428</sup>*

When the 1930 Census was taken he is making his home in San Francisco, California working as a Store Retail Buyer. When the 1940 Census was taken he is making his home in San Francisco, California working as a Dock Walteman. On the

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<sup>424</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 11<sup>th</sup> August 1898

<sup>425</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> September 1898

<sup>426</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 5<sup>th</sup> June 1902

<sup>427</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 26<sup>th</sup> July 1906

<sup>428</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 18<sup>th</sup> July 1929

30<sup>th</sup> August 1946, he passed away in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. He was laid to rest in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Colma, California.

## **Marshal/Nightwatchman Joseph Milton Patrick**

Joseph Milton Patrick was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1836 in Coshocton County, Ohio to Thomas F. Patrick and Sarah Dorcus Crabtree. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Linton, Coshocton County, Ohio working as a Farmer. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1857, he married Emily Goodridge<sup>429</sup> in Coshocton County, Ohio. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Washington Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Washington, Sonoma County, California working as a Farm Tenant.

*"J.M. Patrick and daughter intend to start next week for Glenwood, Mills County, Iowa, to make that place their home. We allow them about six months to get ready to come back."*<sup>430</sup>

*"Jos. Patrick and daughter, having been delayed a few days longer than they expected, started for their home in Iowa this morning."*<sup>431</sup>

*"Joseph Patrick and his daughter, Miss Ada Patrick, returned from the East last night. Mr. Patrick left Healdsburg with the intention of making his home in Iowa and we allowed him six months to make up his mind to return. He found it impossible to stay away for even that length of time."*<sup>432</sup>

*"Joseph Patrick has received the appointment of Special Policeman vice William Norton, resigned, and can now be found at any hour in the night "shooting" his dark lantern at all suspicious objects about the streets."*<sup>433</sup>

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<sup>429</sup> At this time I cannot locate the Names of her parents

<sup>430</sup> Russian River Flag 26<sup>th</sup> March 1874

<sup>431</sup> Russian River Flag 30<sup>th</sup> April 1874

<sup>432</sup> Russian River Flag 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1874

<sup>433</sup> Russian River Flag 30<sup>th</sup> March 1876

*“Joseph Patrick has secured the aid of a “special.” At any hour of the night he may be seen silently following in Joe’s wake for it is supposed that Joe keeps a-wake; in the daytime he treads the streets with a proud , bearing and dog-matic air, befitting to his office.”<sup>434</sup>*

*“Yesterday afternoon Indian “John” came into town and informed Jos. Patrick, special policeman, that his son had been missing since the night of the circus (Monday). He expressed fears of foul play, as his son but recently had trouble with another Indian named Manwell, a laborer in the employ of Lewelyn Hall. Mr. Hall says that he was absent from his work yesterday for unknown reasons. Manwell is a bad Indian, only last week he was arrested for fighting in North Healdsburg.”<sup>435</sup>*

*“Those who attended the circus on Monday last will remember the unparalleled trapeze performance of the liniments, two actors, one of whom was a young woman. Miss Lotta Belmont (for that is her professional title) joined Cooper, Bailey & Co.’s show in the East, hoping that while traveling in California she would find a favorite brother, long lost to her, but whom she knew was a resident of this State. By a mere accident she discovered in this city’ the brother sought (J. M. Patrick) and another brother (J. F. Patrick of Alexander Valley) after a separation of 20 years from one and about 28 years from the other. Her mission being accomplished and her engagement with the showmen being about closed, it is her intention soon to retire from the profession of an actress and join her relatives here. We congratulate her and her brothers on the hippy event. A sister and two brothers, residing in Iowa, who have not known of her whereabouts for 8 years, are yet to be apprised of her advent amongst her relatives here. Early in her professional career she married. Traveling with her is her bright little five-year-old daughter, Daisy May (Baby Belmont, professionally) who is also a star performer in certain circus specialties.”<sup>436</sup>*

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<sup>434</sup> Russian River Flag 27<sup>th</sup> April 1876

<sup>435</sup> Russian River Flag 25<sup>th</sup> May 1876

<sup>436</sup> Russian River Flag 12<sup>th</sup> October 1876

*“Joseph Patrick sold out his stock of groceries, cigars, etc., last Saturday. His daughter, Ada, who has been attending to that business, has gone to San Francisco to reside with her aunt.”<sup>437</sup>*

*“Last Monday afternoon two Indians rode into town on horseback and hitched their animals near Thing & Bostwick’s Livery Stable. Shortly afterward two lads of the town coming along, espied the horses and after a brief consultation took the spurs from the pummels of the saddles, adjusted them to their feet, mounted and rode off. Very soon the two Indians sought out Officer Patrick and stated the loss of their steeds. He soon found the direction the boys had taken, and after a brief chase discovered them near the warehouse across the river. Seeing him at the same time, they dashed up the river bed toward the Fitch adobe, but being hemmed in by the bank, rushed into the river and across to the thicket on the Matheson place. Coming to a fence they dismounted and escaped into the brush, forgetting, however to remove the spurs before departing, their pursuer being close upon them. The animals were secured however, and returned to their owners, who simply remarked that those were “very bad boys.” Whether the object of the boys was a simple “lark,” or to obtain some pocket change from the sale of the stolen animals is an open question. The lads have not yet been taken into custody. It was a desperate exploit for them to engage in, and had they been aware that it was States Prison offense they were committing they would, doubtless, have not undertaken it.”<sup>438</sup>*

*“Last Sunday morning. Hopkins, storekeeper at Windsor, and proprietor of Windsor Hotel, appeared in Healdsburg, and reported to officer Jos. Patrick that on the previous evening his store had been robbed of seven or eight suits of clothes, groceries, etc., to the amount of \$100 or upwards, in aggregate, and asked if any trace of the burglars could be found. None has been discovered but officer Patrick has since noted that several suspicious characters who have been for a few months past hanging around this place and Windsor, have not been seen*

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<sup>437</sup> Russian River Flag 7<sup>th</sup> December 1876

<sup>438</sup> Russian River Flag 21<sup>st</sup> December 1876

*since the occurrence; he consequently not only attributes the above named burglary to them, but also several that have recently been committed here.*"<sup>439</sup>

*"Last Friday evening officer Patrick corralled a young stranger on the streets who was without home or friends in this vicinity. He gave his name as Hugh Clymer, and proved to be the same lad whom we mentioned not long ago as having left his home on Austin Creek on the pretense that he had been abused. He said that after leaving Healdsburg he had gone home, but left again for the same reason, ten days previously; had been to Cloverdale, and had just arrived from that place. He is a bright-looking little fellow, about 14 years of age, but indulges in language, that addressed to his or any other step-dad, would render a good drubbing a thing to be expected. As he had dodged Joe on the occasion of his other visit, after the officer had paid for his supper and lodging out of his own pocket, he was about to be lodged in the hotel de calaboose; but some bystanders paid for better quarters. The next morning he started for Austin Creek again.*"<sup>440</sup>

*"Wednesday morning two men were arrested at the Sotoyome House by Officer Patrick on a charge of house breaking near Guerneville. They broke into the residence of Mr. Weaver and obtained \$80 in gold and \$70 in currency. They were taken to Guerneville yesterday, by Officer Patrick, for trial.*"<sup>441</sup>

*"On the evening of July Fourth, a horse belonging to Mrs. Melton of this place was stolen from the barn. On the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Melton's buggy harness and W. Rosenberg's buggy also disappeared, and it was natural to suppose that the property went away together. Later developments seemed to indicate that a German, Charles Erwin, proprietor of the Enterprise House knew something about it. It was supposed that he had kept the horse secreted in a barn all the time. Thursday morning he was seem coming from a shed on the ranch of H.S. Gird in Alexander Valley, leading the horse. He went up in the hills to Charles White's place, where he stayed all day, clearing out in the evening and has not been heard*

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<sup>439</sup> Russian River Flag 21<sup>st</sup> December 1876

<sup>440</sup> Russian River Flag 15<sup>th</sup> February 1877

<sup>441</sup> Russian River Flag 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1877

*from since. Officer Patrick brought the horse and buggy back to town Thursday evening.*

*The next day, a search-warrant was issued, and a saddle belonging to Ol. Rupe, and a valuable brace belonging to Sylvester Charles, that had previously been stolen, were found in Irwin's barn.*"<sup>442</sup>

*"A stranger on our streets yesterday attracted some attention by talking loudly in favor of an uprising against the Chinese. He was, however, silenced by Officer Patrick.*"<sup>443</sup>

*"On Friday evening a frightened Mongolian rushed up to Officer Patrick and informed him that a bombardment of the Wau Kee wash-house was then going on. The officer rushed to the scene of riot, but the attacking party had retired; he then posted Coolie guards front and rear of all the washhouses in town to give early alarm of approaching danger, and doubling his own watch has since succeeded in keeping the peace.*"<sup>444</sup>

*"At the regular meeting of City Trustees, Aug. 20, J.W. Patrick, our efficient night watch, was appointed Assistant City Marshal.*"<sup>445</sup>

*"We learn from Officer Patrick that on the following night, some Indians attempted to force entrance into the barn at Mr. Alderson's hop-yard, and upon being ordered off drew revolvers. The result of this was a regular Russian reverse, the attacking party being driven off one of them carrying a bullet in his head.*"<sup>446</sup>

*"Jos. Patrick has purchased Wm. P. Ball's interest in the new truck, hence the firm will hereafter be Chas. Fitch & Jos. Patrick.*"<sup>447</sup>

*"As will be seen by announcement in our advertising columns, J.M. Patrick, who has been an efficient night-watchman for Healdsburg during the past several*

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<sup>442</sup> Russian River Flag 19<sup>th</sup> July 1877

<sup>443</sup> Russian River Flag 26<sup>th</sup> July 1877

<sup>444</sup> Russian River Flag 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1877

<sup>445</sup> Russian River Flag 30<sup>th</sup> August 1877

<sup>446</sup> Russian River Flag 27<sup>th</sup> September 1877

<sup>447</sup> Russian River Flag 21<sup>st</sup> March 1878



*years, is a candidate for Marshal at the forthcoming city election. We have no doubt but that Joe would make a faithful officer if elected. His pay as nightwatch is hardly sufficient to justify him in continuing the duty; but, could he combine with it the office of City Marshal, the two would be sufficiently remunerative to make it an object. If elected, he would deputize some person, who could substitute for him during the forenoon. The balance of the time he would be on duty personally. What Healdsburg needs is a good officer of the law, who would not be hampered by other affairs, and in Mr. Patrick we can secure the right man.”<sup>448</sup>*

*“City Election—For Marshal: J.M. Patrick (140) and J.S. Eikenbary (62).”<sup>449</sup>*

*“James Simmons, of Calistoga, came to Healdsburg recently, accompanied by B.B. Ruckard, of Napa county. When they started on their return trip, Mr. Simmons had over \$400 in his purse. A few miles above town the men stopped to permit their horses to graze, and the two laid down to sleep. About Half an hour later Mr. Simmons awoke, and discovered that his money had been taken. He informs us that Ruckard, who is his uncle by marriage, said some Chinamen had passed that way and no doubt they had taken the money. Mr. Simmons took one of the horses and immediately started for town. He became satisfied in his own mind that Ruckard had taken his money. When he arrived here he sent officer Patrick to overtake the man, which he succeeded in doing in Alexander Valley. Ruckard at first denied having any money on his person, but finally yielded up \$360, and said he took it for safe keeping—a matter which he will be allowed to prove in court, if he can. Mr. Simmons was out over \$100 by the trip to Healdsburg, and took one of Ruckard's horses to cover the loss incurred from the latter. Ruckard afterward claimed and recovered the horse, and accordingly Mr. Simmons came to Healdsburg this week to have the necessary warrant issued for Ruckard's arrest. He will probably have an examination before the next Grand Jury.”<sup>450</sup>*

*“Cris Anthus and “Steve” are two bad Indians, both noted for their fighting and drinking propensities. Each is ambitious of being the “Big Injun” among the*

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<sup>448</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 25<sup>th</sup> April 1878

<sup>449</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 16<sup>th</sup> May 1878

<sup>450</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 30<sup>th</sup> May 1878

*redskins hereabouts, and accordingly they hate each other; but being equals in strength and general cussedness they have thus far avoided a personal encounter. Some days ago, Cris threatened to take Steve's life; the latter determined to have revenge "all same white man," and accordingly he walked to Santa Rosa and going before Justice Cox procured a warrant for Cris' arrest. The warrant was placed in Marshal Patrick's hands, with the advice to be cautious, as Cris was a desperate character and had sworn that he never would submit to be arrested and no white man should ever place the shackles upon his wrists. On Monday Patrick encountered Cris and at once took him in custody, placing him in the lock-up until Tuesday morning, when he was hand cuffed and taken to Santa Rosa by officer Emerson. He demurred to the shackles, but a few persuasive gestures by the officers overcame his objections and he quietly submitted to the operation. No worse fellows than Cris and Steve can be found in the State. Recently Cris whipped his squaw so severely that she may not recover, one shoulder being broken and other serious injuries being inflicted. Steve stands somewhat in awe of Cris, although himself a desperado, having killed two or three Indians without provocation. He once belonged to Vasquez' band of robbers, being one of worst of that gang-of cutthroats. Evidently he has some idea of becoming "civilized," as he sought the intervention of the law in his quarrel with Cris, instead of settling it in the usual Indian mode, with knife or pistol."*<sup>451</sup>

*"Before Jirah Luce Police Judge, J.L. Terry, saloon keeper, was convicted on Monday last of selling liquor to Indians. In default of \$75 fine he was conveyed to Santa Rosa on Tuesday by Marshal Patrick, to be imprisoned for 75 days. The extreme penalty is \$500 and 90 days imprisonment, so it will be seen that the Judge is passing very mild sentences. The city officers can not be too highly praised for their efforts in procuring just convictions."*<sup>452</sup>

*"During the illness of J.P. Emerson, Marshal Patrick is doing duty for Sheriff Dinwiddie. Joe has lately been on a keen search for an Indian named Joaquin, who, two years ago, cut a half-breed almost to mince-meat at Sebastopol. The wounded man didn't die, but Joaquin has been very scarce since committing the*

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<sup>451</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 4<sup>th</sup> July 1878

<sup>452</sup> Russian River Flag 26<sup>th</sup> September 1878

*assault. He returned to the ranchias around Healdsburg lately and Patrick and a posse have resorted to much strategy in efforts to capture him, but without avail. The boys call Joe, Gen. Crook now. If you want to make him mad just crook your finger at him.*"<sup>453</sup>

*"The other night when Joe Patrick and his posse were out after the Indian Joaquin, they laid in ambush all night, and in the morning pounced down upon the rancheria with the expectation of capturing their man. Joaquin, however, became apprised of their coming and beat a hasty retreat. The boys divided and started in hot pursuit. One division espied the Injun and ran him into a corn field. Harve Truitt went in the corn after him. The Injun dodged Harve and as the latter emerged from the corn on a turkey trot, his two companions mistook him, in the grey dawn of morning, for Joaquin and leveling weapons upon the bewildered Harve, ordered him to throw up his hands. "I'm no Injun!"—"Throw up your hands!"—"Don't shoot—look out!"—"Throw up your"—but at this juncture the mistake was discovered and just in time to save Harve's life, for we have his word for it that Englehart and Edgington were more frightened than himself—not denying that he wasn't badly scared."*<sup>454</sup>

*"Judge Luce, Marshal Patrick and others went to Santa Rosa yesterday to testify in the case of The People vs. Steve Reos, grand larceny."*<sup>455</sup>

*"Marshal Patrick, who has served this city so long and so efficiently, has resigned and will go northward soon. Geo. Lawrence holds the position, being assistant, and would be a popular officer. We shall give fuller notice next week."*<sup>456</sup>

On the 7<sup>th</sup> November 1878, he resigned as Marshal of Healdsburg.

*"Resigned. —J.M. Patrick, City Marshal and Nightwatch, tendered his resignation at the last meeting of the Board, which was accepted. Mr. Patrick intends going to Washington Territory in the Spring, and wants to rest and recuperate his health this Winter. He has made a vigilant and faithful officer and his resignation is cause*

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<sup>453</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1878

<sup>454</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 10<sup>th</sup> October 1878

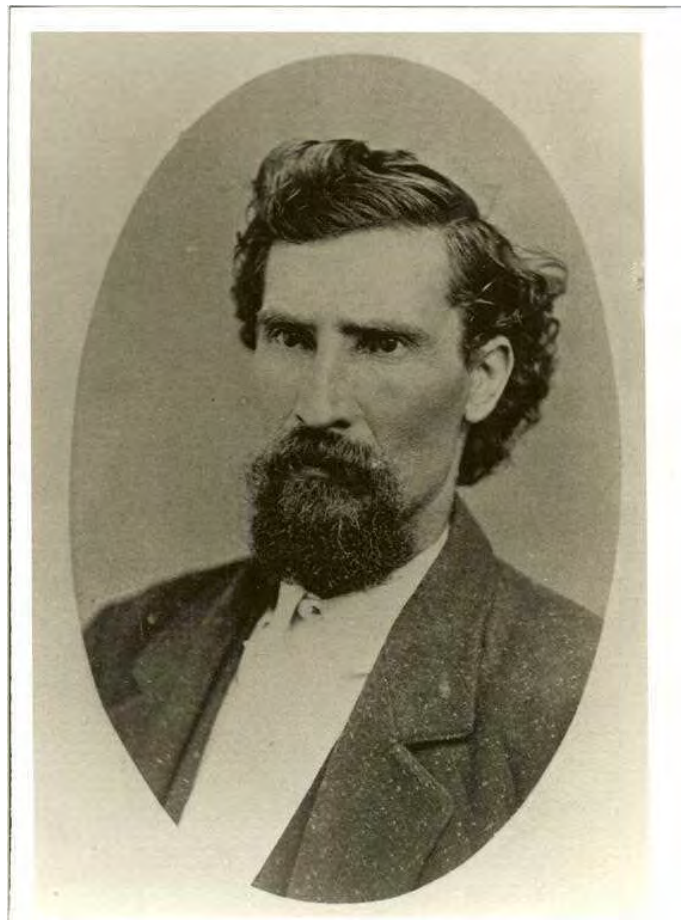
<sup>455</sup> Russian River Flag 17<sup>th</sup> October 1878

<sup>456</sup> Russian River Flag 7<sup>th</sup> November 1878

*for regret on the part of our citizens. The Board will appoint a successor at its next meeting. J.S. Eikenbary is circulating a petition to be appointed Marshal, and Sam. Englehart, Sr., and John Sewell are each petitioning to be appointed Nightwatch.*"<sup>457</sup>

*"J.M. Patrick, City Marshal and Nightwatch, tendered his resignation, which was accepted; George Lawrence appointed to fill vacancy pro ten."*<sup>458</sup>

*"J.M. Patrick will leave Healdsburg in a few days for Washington Territory, to travel extensively through the great Northwest with a view to locating on lands. Joe has promised his friends a letter through the Enterprise, and as he is a man of practical sense and good observation his report will be interesting and reliable."*<sup>459</sup>




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<sup>457</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 7<sup>th</sup> November 1878

<sup>458</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 7<sup>th</sup> November 1878

<sup>459</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 12<sup>th</sup> December 1878

### *Joseph Milton Patrick*

*“From a letter by Walter Wiscombe about the Washington Territory: Also saw Jos. Patrick, who is fat and hearty, and appears to be well satisfied; he has a half section of land near Dayton.”<sup>460</sup>*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Columbia County, Washington working as a Farmer. On the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1884, he married Emma Jane Miles<sup>461</sup> in Washington. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Star, Columbia County, Washington working as a Teamster. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Dayton Ward 1, Columbia County, Washington working as a Laborer doing Odd Jobs. On the 25<sup>th</sup> December 1924, he passed away in Medical Lake, Spokane County, Washington. He was laid to rest in Dayton City Cemetery in Dayton, Columbia County, Washington.

### **Obituary<sup>462</sup>**

DAYTON, Dec, 29—(Special)—The funeral of Joseph Patrick who passed away at Medical Lake, Wash. Dec. 26th was held in this city at the Hubbard and Rogg chapel Sunday afternoon with Rev. W.C. Gilmore of the Congregational church officiating. The deceased was eighty-nine years of age and had made his home in Dayton for many years where he raised a large family. He is survived by his widow Emma Patricks and five daughters, Mrs. Eva Chase, Mrs. Josie Flanigan, Mrs. Emma Temple, Mrs. Freda Morgan and Mrs. Burks.

### **Constable 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

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<sup>460</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 26<sup>th</sup> June 1879

<sup>461</sup> Daughter of John W. Miles and Elizabeth A. Shoemaker

<sup>462</sup> Walla Walla Union 30<sup>th</sup> December 1924

Amelia Ann Kennedy<sup>463</sup> 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. In 1849 he left Missouri and settled in Placerville, California. 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<sup>464</sup> in California. In 1856, he moved to Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California where he purchased a portion of the Tzabaco Rancho land grant from Jose Germain Pena and remodeled the adobe home on the property for his home. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.



*Duvall Drake and Mary Phillips*

In 1867, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.

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<sup>463</sup> Daughter of George Kennedy and Amelia Ann McGrew

<sup>464</sup> Daughter of William T. Terry and Mary "Polly" Edmonston

<sup>465</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 12<sup>th</sup> February 1982

*“At a meeting of the Mendocino Democratic Club, Monday evening, before election, J.W. Clack and John B. Fitch were nominated for Constable, Mr. Fitch afterwards declined the nomination, and Mr. D.D. Phillips, of Dry Creek, was substituted in his place. The result is well known. Our Constables are, of course, the nominee of the Democracy.”<sup>466</sup>*

When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. 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. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. 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**<sup>467</sup>

#### 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

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<sup>466</sup> Russian River Flag 12<sup>th</sup> September 1867

<sup>467</sup> Press Democrat 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1904

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 the funeral will occur on Saturday afternoon.

### **Deputy Marshal William Martin Philpott**

William Martin Philpott was born in July 1850 in Macoupin County, Illinois to Martin Philpott and Mary Jane Coverdall. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Macoupin County, Illinois. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Calistoga, Napa County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Hot Springs, Napa County, California working as a Teamster. On the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1874, he married Sarah Marie Swift<sup>468</sup> in Calistoga, Napa County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Knights Valley, Sonoma County, California working as a Wood Hauler. In 1882, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California working as a Teamster.

*"William Philpott, deputy marshal \$4.00"*<sup>469</sup>

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. In 1898, he is found on the Voter

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<sup>468</sup> Daughter of Richard Swift and Mary Jane Hargrave

<sup>469</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 14<sup>th</sup> July 1892



Register making his home in Healdsburg, 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 Laborer. On the 14<sup>th</sup> August 1905, he passed away in Healdsburg No. 2, Sonoma County, California. According to his obituary he was laid to rest in Calistoga, Napa County, California.

### **Obituary<sup>470</sup>**

*The remains of William M[artin] Philpott of Healdsburg who died early Monday morning [August 14] from cancer of the throat, was taken to Calistoga and buried Tuesday. Mr. Philpott was a native Illinois, aged fifty-five, who came to Healdsburg in 1891 and leaves a wife, two sons, Frank and William Philpott and three daughters, Mrs. M[ary] Webb, Misses Maud and Evelyn Philpott.*

### **Marshal Flourney Gustin Poor**

Flourney Gustin Poor was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1835 in Clark County, Kentucky to William Poor and Priscilla Lane. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Estill, Kentucky working as a Laborer. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1865, he married Isabel Rose Ireland<sup>471</sup> in Sonoma County, California. In 1865 and 1866, he is found on the IRS Tax List making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California running a Livery Stable.

*“The special election held last Thursday for the purpose of electing officers to fill the vacancies resulting from the neglect of some to be qualified, resulted in the following: For Treasurer. J.G. McManus ; for Recorder, G.M. Sacry; for Assessor. John Clack; and for Marshal. F.G. Poor—all strong, zealous Democrats. We would prefer, at all times to have a ticket for such offices made up of those who are best qualified for the position, irrespective of party. But the course of the Radicals at the*

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<sup>470</sup> The Press Democrat 18<sup>th</sup> August 1905

<sup>471</sup> Daughter of Johnston and Hannah Ireland

*previous elections was such that we would have to search long and diligently in the ranks' of Democracy for a person to fill an office before conceding our support to a Radical. The new officers have been qualified, and are ready to commence work. We hope that complete success may crown their every effort, and faithfully serve the noble ends for which they were honored by the almost unanimous vote of a people."<sup>472</sup>*

On the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1868, he was removed from the position of Marshal as he moved outside of the incorporated city limits. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1879, his wife passed away in Merced, Merced County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Snelling, Merced County, California working as a Farmer. On this Census it also says he is Sick with Chills and a Fever. On the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1881, he married Martha Isabel (Burns) Haskell<sup>473</sup> in Hopeton, Merced County, California. In 1890, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Plainsburg, Merced County, California. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Plainsburg, Merced County, California.



*Flourney Poor*

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<sup>472</sup> Russian River Flag 6<sup>th</sup> June 1867

<sup>473</sup> Daughter of John Anderson Burns and Lucinda Frances Jennings

On the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1903, he passed away in Merced County, California. He was laid to rest in Merced Cemetery in Merced, Merced County, California.

### **Obituary<sup>474</sup>**

#### **Death of F.G. Poor**

F.G. Poor, a well-known farmer of Merced county and respected citizen died at his home twelve miles east of Merced on the first instant from a gunshot wound inflicted by himself with suicidal intent. Mr. Poor was a native of Kentucky, 71 years of age and was one of the pioneers of the county. At the time he committed the deed he was perhaps laboring under a temporary aberration of mind for he was in poor health, financially embarrassed and had family cares which were too much for him to bear. He was a courteous and affable gentleman and endeavored to be up right and honorable with his fellow men. He was married twice and left a large family of children. Several years ago he visited his old home in Kentucky from which he had been absent for forty-five years and when he returned to Merced he said that he was sorry he went for he did not see but one person he knew, hence his visit was not a pleasant one.

The funeral was held at his late residence last Sunday and the interment was in the Merced cemetery under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity.

### **Nightwatchman Thomas William Proctor**

Thomas William Proctor was born in April 1848 in Middlesex County, Massachusetts to Charles Boynton Proctor and Mary Ann Witherell. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Lowell, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. In 1857, he came to California with his parents. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg,

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<sup>474</sup> Merced Express 9<sup>th</sup> May 1903

Sonoma County, California working as a Teamster. On the 17<sup>th</sup> September 1872, he married Malissa Martin<sup>475</sup> in Sonoma County, California.

*“Constables--There were three candidates for Constable's of this township. The vote stood John W. Bell 323, T.W. Proctor 155, F. Pullee 149, electing the two former.”<sup>476</sup>*

*“Following is a list of the Constables elected in Sonoma County at the election held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>—Mendocino Township: J.W. Bell and T.W. Proctor”<sup>477</sup>*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on East Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as an Expressman.

*“H. Smith has secured the services of Wm. Proctor in operating his new delivery wagon.”<sup>478</sup>*

*“T.W. Proctor, extra Nightwatchman \$2.00”<sup>479</sup>*

*“L. Cook and Wm. Proctor have appointed special watchmen for a time. The expense is to be divided between the city and the business men.”<sup>480</sup>*

*“T.W. Proctor has been engaged as delivery clerk for A.R. Monfort. L. Cook has taken the position made vacant by the resignation of Proctor on the extra force of night watchmen.”<sup>481</sup>*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Matheson Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Mason Street in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1930 Census was taken he is

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<sup>475</sup> Daughter of John Snyder Martin Sr. and Agnes Matilda Bigler

<sup>476</sup> Russian River Flag 4<sup>th</sup> September 1873

<sup>477</sup> Russian River Flag 11<sup>th</sup> September 1873

<sup>478</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 6<sup>th</sup> February 1889

<sup>479</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> June 1889

<sup>480</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 11<sup>th</sup> September 1889

<sup>481</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 25<sup>th</sup> September 1889

making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. On the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1936, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### **Obituary<sup>482</sup>**

Thomas William Proctor, aged Healdsburg pioneer, about 88 years of age, was found dead in bed Thursday morning about six o'clock, having passed away peacefully during the night while asleep. Proctor had been in declining health for a long time.

Proctor, who lived with his daughter, Mrs. Hattie Foss, corner Mason and Front streets, had been a resident of Healdsburg most of his life, save for a few years when he was in Seattle. He leaves, besides the daughter, a son Charles W., stock and bond broker in San Francisco. He was a son of the late Charles Proctor Sr., who was a truckman in Healdsburg many years ago.

It is probable that Proctor was the oldest living pioneer resident of Healdsburg, coming here in 1857 from Massachusetts, where he was born in 1848.

## **Nightwatchman John Wakefield Reynolds**

John Wakefield Reynolds was born in September 1836 in Cass County, Missouri to James Reynolds and Eliza Davis Damewood. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in District 16, Cass County, Missouri. In 1857, he came to California. On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1863, he registered for the Civil War Draft making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Rancher. In 1866 and 1868, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California making his home as a Miller. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer.

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<sup>482</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 18<sup>th</sup> June 1936

*“On New Year's Eve Mr. Wright gave another ball which was largely attended and successfully conducted. At midnight the party were invited in to what “Sotoyome” called a “little lunch.” In our simplicity (this time we were there) we considered it a “square meal,” as the tables were loaded with a bounteous supply of much better provender than many of us have been used to. During the sitting Mr. Norcross sang some ballads and “Sotoyome” shot sundry champagne corks against the ceiling.*

*About two o'clock, as we are informed (we went home before that time), some lively demonstrations were made by John Reynolds, who came in under the stimulus of whiskey. As he acknowledged, himself, the next day, he acted very foolishly and wrong, to say the least. By a sufficient sum of money he may possibly settle all the damage he did to doors, windows, chairs, and bar glasses, but to scare so many of Healdsburg's braves nearly to death, is an unpardonable sin. His cause of affront was that the dancers locked him out of the ball-room. Mr. Wright had gone to bed, and it appeals that no other person could keep Reynolds quiet, but he finally withdrew, and the dance went on.”<sup>483</sup>*

*“Wm. Truitt has resigned his position as Night Watchman to John Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds has the reputation of being faithful to every trust, and the citizens may be assured he will be an efficient officer.”<sup>484</sup>*

*“John Reynolds has retired as night watchman for the town of Healdsburg, and James Mitchell now acts in that capacity.”<sup>485</sup>*

*“John Reynolds, who has been bed-fast several days, is recovering.”<sup>486</sup>*

*“John Reynolds has come back from his thrashing campaign in Solano County.”<sup>487</sup>*

In 1879, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County,

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<sup>483</sup> Russian River Flag 6<sup>th</sup> January 1870

<sup>484</sup> Russian River Flag 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1871

<sup>485</sup> Russian River Flag 19<sup>th</sup> October 1871

<sup>486</sup> Russian River Flag 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1872

<sup>487</sup> Russian River Flag 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1874

California as a Laborer. In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 2, Sonoma County, California working as a Rancher. In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Skaggs Springs, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California. In 1902, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Skaggs Springs, Sonoma County, California. On the 8<sup>th</sup> September 1903, he passed away in Sonoma County, California.

### **Obituary<sup>488</sup>**

Another Sonoma county pioneer passed away Tuesday evening in John W. Reynolds, who died near Santa Rosa. Mr. Reynolds came to this state and county in 1857, and has resided practically ever since in the vicinity of Healdsburg. He was a stock raiser and rancher, and owned a ranch in Dry Creek valley.

The deceased was a native of Missouri, and was sixty two years of age. The deceased in company with his brother, Henry E. Lawrence the Petaluma capitalist, the late William P. Hinshaw, and others crossed the plains together in the same train. Col. J.A. Hardin of Santa Rosa was also crossing the plains at the same time.

The remains were brought to this city and the interment took place here Thursday.

## **Marshal William Benton Reynolds**

William Benton Reynolds was born in March 1840 in Cass County, Missouri to James Reynolds and Eliza Davis Damewood. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in District 16, Cass County, Missouri. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Big Creek, Cass County, Missouri. In 1861, he married Prudence Jennie Cook<sup>489</sup> in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. In

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<sup>488</sup> Sotoyome Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> September 1903

<sup>489</sup> Daughter of David Pullens Cook and Sarah Patton

1868, he is found on the Voter Register living in Sonoma County, California working as a Saloon Keeper.

*“Town Election—Marshal- W.B. Reynolds.”<sup>490</sup>*

*“A few days since officers Clack and Reynolds, of Healdsburg, got information that there was a horse thief prowling around; in their territory. They started to hunt him up and had not proceeded far on Russian River before they came across their man. When arrested he had a stolen horse along with him, which he had brought all the way from Humboldt county. His name is Gip Young. It is likely his operations in this line will be stopped for a time, he having been furnished with suitable lodging in the County Jail.”<sup>491</sup>*

On the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1870, he resigned as Marshal of Healdsburg.

*“From Deputy Sheriff Wm. B. Reynolds we have learned some of the facts in regard to the murder of several men in Salt Point township, near Timber Cove, last week, it seems that a man named Granville had a difficulty with a Spanish neighbor, named Juan Bakerano, in regard to their respective mountain ranches; and in order to settle the matter in his own favor Granville killed the Spaniard. It appears that an old man by the name of Felix, witnessed this murder, he being on an adjacent mountain. To silence this witness, Granville murdered him also. But an Indian passing by saw the latter murder. Determined to silence all witnesses, Granville at once killed the Indian. Suspicion becoming fastened on this triple murderer, a warrant for his arrest was issued to the sheriff. Deputy Reynolds went over to secure Granville, but being unable to find him, he left the warrant in the hands of J.K. Price, a Salt Point Constable. Mr. Price succeeded in finding the whereabouts of Granville, raised a posse and last Friday night went to the house and surrounded it. Granville at once commenced shooting and sent a ball through Price’s hat. After firing three shots, he left the house and started to run, when the*

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<sup>490</sup> Russian River Flag 6<sup>th</sup> May 1869

<sup>491</sup> Sonoma Democrat 6<sup>th</sup> November 1869



*posse fired and killed him instantly. Mr. Reynolds has gone over, and on his return we will have all the facts.*"<sup>492</sup>

*"A man by the name of Daniel Prouse, was brought down here on Saturday last by Deputy Sheriff Reynolds, charged with cutting a man near Healdsburg with an ax."*<sup>493</sup>

*"A man calling himself John Barrett, was arrested in Cloverdale some few days ago by Deputy Sheriff Reynolds, charged with stealing a valuable horse at Vacaville, in Solano county. Reynolds handed him over to Sheriff Potter on Sunday morning last, and he was provided with accommodations in the county jail. The horse was found and restored to the owner. On Monday last the Sheriff of Solano took Barrett in charge. It is said he is an old offender and it is more than likely he will pay San Quentin a visit shortly."*<sup>494</sup>

*"Then came the big fight for the "fat take," the Sheriff's office. Wm. B. Reynolds, of Healdsburg, Capt. E. Litapie, of Petaluma, Silas Weller, of Santa Rosa, and Mr. Ross were brought out. A hot time ensued, but the wires were laid to keep Healdsburg off the ticket and spread Petaluma all over it. On the fourth ballot Litapie was declared nominated, although he went into the convention with only eleven votes and Reynolds with twenty."*<sup>495</sup>

*"Below we give the full particulars of the pursuit and final arrest of John Houx, John and Lody Brown, "Big Foot," alias "Butch," Alfred Higgins and Tom Jones, charged with being the perpetrators of the various stage robberies committed in this and Mendocino Counties during the past eight or ten months. Their case has been very ably worked to a successful issue by the officers having it in charge. The following statement was obtained from the officers and their assistants, who were engaged in making the arrests;*

*On the 9th of November, John Houx left Healdsburg, on horseback, about 4 o'clock, for Cloverdale. Deputy Sheriff Reynolds and brother, having an agreement*

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<sup>492</sup> Russian River Flag 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1870

<sup>493</sup> Sonoma Democrat 18<sup>th</sup> June 1870

<sup>494</sup> Sonoma Democrat 24<sup>th</sup> December 1870

<sup>495</sup> Russian River Flag 15<sup>th</sup> June 1871

to meet Venard in Cloverdale that night, followed right along, keeping Houx in sight, not wishing to make his arrest on the road for fear of interrupting some plans of Venard. When reaching the outskirts of Cloverdale, Deputy Sheriff Reynolds dispatched word to Venard that Houx was in town, and received this reply: "Houx is arrested; come immediately forward." Deputy Sheriff Reynolds came on, accompanied by his brother, and Curtis, and proceeded immediately to the house of Jones and arrested him. The officers then left the prisoners, Houx and Jones, in charge of a guard, and proceeded to place guards along the road above so as to prevent information reaching the suspicioned parties, and then went to the house of the former wife of Houx and surrounded it, and laid in that vicinity all night, thinking that "Big Foot," alias "Butch," was sleeping there. At about daylight they searched the house, but found no one. Deputy Sheriff Reynolds and Venard then went to the house of John Houx's father, and watched until H.T. Reynolds and Curtis came up from the house of Houx's former wife, when they informed Deputy Sheriff Reynolds and Venard, that they thought they could catch "Big Foot" in a certain canyon about ten miles from there, on the headwaters of Dry Creek. The Reynolds brothers proceeded to the house of old man Houx, leaving the other officers to watch on the outside. When they approached, they were attacked by a large dog, the barking of which brought some one to the up-stairs window, whom Deputy Sheriff Reynolds recognized as John Brown, and called to him to come out immediately. In a few moments Brown made his appearance at the open door, armed with a double barreled shot gun, loaded with buckshot, a six-shooter, bowie knife and Derringer. Deputy Sheriff Reynolds advanced toward him, saying, "I shall have to disarm you." Brown stepped back, saying, "you need not be scared." H.T. Reynolds then told Brown to stand still, "nobody was afraid," and immediately disarmed him. All the officers then went to McDonald's with the prisoner. Leaving John Brown here in charge of H.T. Reynolds. Deputy Sheriff Reynolds, Venard and Curtis, started to the canyon where they expected to find "Big Foot," and on the way procured the services of Mr. Knowles, who lives in the vicinity, to place them upon the trail leading to the canyon. After getting on the trail, Knowles returned, and the officers tied their horses up, and continued the search. After traveling about three hundred yards they took off their boots for fear the noise might alarm the suspected parties, and proceeded about one mile

barefooted, when they came to the vicinity where they supposed the camp to be. Concluding to secret themselves and await developments, they had not been in their hiding place more than five minutes, when Lody Brown came in sight, leading his horse to water. The officers let him approach within a few paces, when they drew their guns on him, calling out, "Hold!" and at the same time motioned to him to be quiet, fearing he would alarm "Big Foot," walked up to him, took his arms, and then asked him where "Big Foot" was. He replied, "he is up that canyon, about three hundred yards, at the camp, getting dinner." Brown then told the officers they could not take "Big Foot" unless they killed him, or got the drop on him. The officers replied that they did not want to kill him, and that he (Brown) must go ahead of them along the trail, and when he got in sight of "Big Foot," if there was danger of alarming him by speaking, he must drop down in the trail.

When in sight of the camp, Brown could not see "Big Foot". The officers now determined to draw "Big Foot" out by strategy, and after consultation fixed upon the following plan: All hands were to return down the trail, Venard and Reynolds to secrete themselves behind a bank, while Brown, under guard of Curtis, was to go lower down, fire off his gun and call out, "Bill, I've killed a big buck; come and help pack him in." This plan was successful. "Big Foot" came along down the trail from camp, and when opposite to Venard and Reynolds, they raised up and called to him to "Halt!" Reynolds, with weapon drawn, advanced towards him, telling him to unbuckle his pistol, drop it, and step back, which he did, and was arrested.

Reynolds and Curtis then took Brown with them, and went to the camp, Venard keeping "Big Foot." In the camp they only found the usual camp equipage, secured the guns, and started to McDonalds where the balance of the party were in waiting. On the way from the canyon to McDonald's, "Big Fool" asked to be allowed to change his shoes for boots. The officers granted the request, and on examining them, found secreted in one of the shoes a mask made of cotton oil cloth, eye holes cut in it, and a string to tie behind the head, etc. The prisoners were then carried to Ukiah and lodged in jail, where they remained until Sunday, when they were taken out, put into a coach, and started on their way to this place. Just after leaving Ukiah, Deputy Sheriff Reynolds dispatched Curtis ahead to find Higgins. Curtis found Higgins in the vicinity of Sanel, in company with two strangers, and after assisting them to lasso some horses, persuaded them to go to

*Sanel with him to get a drink. In the meantime he sent word by the stage to the officers to send H.T. Reynolds ahead, that Higgins was in Sanel. Reynolds hurried up, and overtook Higgins and party one and a half miles from Sanel, rode up to Higgins and said, "you are my prisoner." Higgins replied, "what for?" Reynolds told him he would find out soon enough, and proceeded to search him, but found he had no weapons. Curtis and Reynolds then took Higgins to Sanel, and waited there until the officers in charge of the other prisoners came up, when they continued their journey to Santa Rosa, lodging all six prisoners in the Sonoma County Jail about five o'clock on the evening of Sunday, the 12th inst."*<sup>496</sup>

*"Wm. B. Reynolds is now erecting one of the finest residences in the place; a two-story frame, hard finish, plate glass windows, and to cost, when complete, \$4,000."*<sup>497</sup>

*"After the selection of right men for members of the Assembly and Senate, the next most important office is that of Sheriff. The present inefficient incumbent is a candidate for re-election; and being a member of the clique that controls county affairs, he stands a fair show for receiving the nomination.*

*We also understand that Wm. B. Reynolds, of this place, is a candidate. Mr. Reynolds was fairly the choice of the Democratic party two years ago, and had he been nominated he would have received many Republican votes because of his efficiency and popularity; but he was sacrificed in Convention at the dictation of the Santa Rosa leaders."*<sup>498</sup>

*"W.B. Reynolds informs us that there are about four hundred men at work in the mines in the Pine Flat region. A large furnace is being erected at the Bacon mine. The Georgia mine has been leased to men in Sonoma county, who will soon commence work on it."*<sup>499</sup>

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<sup>496</sup> Sonoma Democrat 18<sup>th</sup> November 1871

<sup>497</sup> Russian River Flag 28<sup>th</sup> March 1872

<sup>498</sup> Russian River Flag 5<sup>th</sup> June 1873

<sup>499</sup> Russian River Flag 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1875

On the 18<sup>th</sup> February 1879, his wife Jennie passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. In 1879, he is found on the Voter Register living in Sonoma County, California.

*“W.B. Reynolds was elected City Marshal to fill unexpired term of N.W. Bostwick, resigned.”<sup>500</sup>*

*“W.B. Reynolds, an experienced officer, is newly elected Marshal of Healdsburg.”<sup>501</sup>*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

*“On Monday last Marshal W.B. Reynolds and Deputy-Sheriff Ira Proctor invited us to inspect a “find” they had just made, consisting of two sets each of new silver-plated table-knives, dessert knives (second hand), forks, table and tea spoons; also a razor marked on the case “Jack O’Neal,” and an assortment of keys. It seems that the night before some tramps had lodged in John D. Grant’s barn, and having suspicious looking packages with them, were reported by Mr. Grant, arrested and the above property collected. They were turned loose again next day. Who has been robbed, is the information wanted.”<sup>502</sup>*

*“On last Monday morning one De Musset, of North Healdsburg, was arraigned before Justice Emerson on the charge of selling wine to Indians. He pleaded guilty, by advice of his counsel, Mr. W.G. Swan, and at four in the afternoon of the same day was fined ninety dollars. We trust that this will be his last offence of the kind. Too much credit cannot be given to deputy-Marshal Sewell for bringing this charge home in such a manner that it could not be evaded. For weeks, at various times, the residents of North Healdsburg have been annoyed by the yells and bickering’s of intoxicated Indians. The depot whence they obtained the material for their drunken orgies was well known, but so deftly was the business managed that to unmask it successfully severely taxed the pertinacity and zeal of our*

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<sup>500</sup> Russian River Flag 8<sup>th</sup> January 1880

<sup>501</sup> Russian River Flag 15<sup>th</sup> January 1880

<sup>502</sup> Russian River Flag 8<sup>th</sup> April 1880

*efficient deputy Marshal. No town in the State is happier in its police force than Healdsburg. This man De Musset is the owner of a winery in North Healdsburg, and when warned not to sell liquor to Indians, replied, in an ugly manner, that he should do so if he liked and that he would kill any officer who came around his premises for the purpose of detecting him. In the meantime the noise and disturbance from drunken Indians continued and the citizens appealed to Deputy Marshal Sewell, who had already done so much signal service in this direction, to use best endeavors to stop it. The officer run every risk, night and day. De Musset meeting him once and threatening his life, and again firing a double-barrel shot gun over his head. But finally the man was detected handing a jug to a squaw; the squaw was over, hauled and the jug captured with contents enough left in it to convict. De Musset then "sloped," and in a day or so sent in word that he could cut be taken, but would pay \$50 if they would let him off. The Marshal and Judge sent word back that they were not engaged in that kind of business, but that if he did not come in voluntarily he would be brought in. He returned words of defiance and threats to the officers. Sewell having done his part, the Chief Marshal Reynolds got his back up at so much defiance and concluded to have his man, if it was in the deck to do it. Constable Rimmel, of Geyserville celebrity, was notified, and replied with a dispatch that the man was in that neighborhood. Reynolds went up, the two watched the house all night, and at day-light went in; one at the front and the other at the rear. The women screamed (Mrs. De Musset being there also) and said he was not there. But, revolver in hand, the boys dodged into one room, then another, the woodshed, the outhouses, and back again through the rooms, moving quickly so as not to receive any shots in the back. Both were finally searching a room, when Reynolds saw the "mucho bravado" behind a door, flattened cut as thin as a shingle. Covering him with his cocked revolver, and calling to Rimmel, the "brigand" was "taken." All he said was: "Meester Raynol, you pooty good Marshal; I voted fer you" Reynolds thanked him, and advised him not to boast any more, but keep quiet and hereafter act within the law. They found a sixteen-shooter, full of cartridges, and a loaded six-shooter in the room; but their man had apparently not been able to get them. Reynolds and Rimmel are hard to beat.*

*All we have to say in addition is, we fail to discover any extenuating circumstances why the extent of the law was not given in this case which is \$500 fine, and 500 days imprisonment. He will no doubt get that from Judge Emerson the next time.*<sup>503</sup>

*“One day last week while Wallace Hendricks was out hunting on the sand-bar, just below town, where Dry Creek empties into the river, he approached a clump of willows, and discovered a man asleep. Wallace thinking it might be the escaped convict, hurried track to town and informed Marshal Reynolds of his discovery, and the two then proceeded to the place designated. Arriving on the spot they found a tire still burning, where he is supposed to have cooked his dinner. They also captured an old sorrel horse, which was perhaps stolen by Irwin. After a thorough search through the brush officer Reynolds gave up the idea for the present. The fugitive is undoubtedly lurking around in this vicinity. A reward of \$50 is offered by the San Quentin Warden for his arrest.”*<sup>504</sup>

*“On Sunday last a stranger in this city, who gave his name as G.W. Palmer, became crazed with liquor and attempted to shoot P. Linnan, at the saloon owned by the latter. He also desired that Mr. Linnan should permit him to jump down his throat or turn a double somersault over his head. For this he was arrested by Marshal Reynolds, and on Monday convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, and sent to jail for 30 days by Judge Emerson. He claimed to hail from Bodie, but it is reported that he hails from San Quentin; and that Palmer is an assumed name. Healdsburg is prompt with its rougns, but not very hard with punishment always.”*<sup>505</sup>

*“The Marshal of the City of Healdsburg is Wm B. Reynolds. The other day he crossed, as he supposed, the limits of the city, to fire off his pistol, for the purpose of putting it in order. But he lacked crossing the line by eight feet and was duly arrested formally tried and solemnly fined. But before the law was entirely satisfied, the case was quashed on defective papers. The crowd insisted that a fine*

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<sup>503</sup> Russian River Flag 15<sup>th</sup> July 1880

<sup>504</sup> Russian River Flag 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1880

<sup>505</sup> Russian River Flag 25<sup>th</sup> November 1880

*should be paid, however, so the Marshal complied. Lester Gale can give the amount as it was deposited at his saloon.”<sup>506</sup>*

*“Some of the Indians visiting Healdsburg are mysteriously supplied with strong drink. Marshal Reynolds arrested one last week for drunkenness, locked him up, but afterwards released him on his paying the usual fine. Others were in the same condition, but having no money to pay their fines were clubbed out of town.”<sup>507</sup>*

*“Our City Marshal, W. B. Reynolds, warns all people to keep their livestock off the public streets, or they will be impounded—the stock, not the people.”<sup>508</sup>*

*“For Marshal J.L. Sewell withdrew early in the day with the understanding that all parties were favorable to making him Assistant-Marshal and City Night-Watchman; and thus Wm. B. Reynolds was handsomely reelected.”<sup>509</sup>*

*“Our City Marshal Mr. W.B. Reynolds has bettered himself by getting married; and on Sunday took a bridal trip to Calistoga, to meet his daughter Miss Minnie, who has been spending a few months with relatives in Colusa, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have our best wishes.”<sup>510</sup>*

*“A noisy Mexican about to be arrested the other day by Marshal W.B. Reynolds, whipped out a knife to carve the officer, but was quickly knocked down by Reynolds, relieved of his carver and calaboused. Nothing like dispatch, you know.”<sup>511</sup>*

*“Bill due W.B. Reynolds, ending July 21, 1882, for Marshal Duty, \$11.30.*

*Bill in favor of W.B. Reynolds, for police duties ending Sept. 2, 1882, \$20.80.”<sup>512</sup>*

*“It is understood that either Judge Moore or Ben. Wood will be Under Sheriff and W. B. Reynolds Deputy for Healdsburg. Good enough. Woods is an experienced*

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<sup>506</sup> Russian River Flag 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1881

<sup>507</sup> Russian River Flag 31<sup>st</sup> March 1881

<sup>508</sup> Russian River Flag 14<sup>th</sup> April 1881

<sup>509</sup> Russian River Flag 12<sup>th</sup> May 1881

<sup>510</sup> Russian River Flag 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1881

<sup>511</sup> Russian River Flag 6<sup>th</sup> April 1882

<sup>512</sup> Russian River Flag 21<sup>st</sup> September 1882



*man, Judge Moore would bring dignity to the position and we know of no unregenerate that would grace the office of Deputy better than Reynolds.”<sup>513</sup>*

*“Our old Marshal, W.B. Reynolds, declined to run on account of his business engagements; he is a good arresting officer; Assistant Marshal Sewell was not elected to the vacancy because he was wanted in the old place, which he has filled so long, so honorably, and with such satisfaction to the solid business, property-owning element, and with such terror to evil-doers. Constable Jones ought to make a good Marshal; we shall see; he is certainly independent enough.”<sup>514</sup>*

*“A man supposed to be a burglar, was notice by W.B. Reynolds, at his premises near the plaza, on Thursday evening last, and in attempting capture Mr. Reynolds tired a pistol shot.”<sup>515</sup>*

*“SHERIFF--For Sheriff Robt. Crane, H.B. Nally, W.B. Reynolds, Chuck Burger and J. Bloom were placed in nomination. Burger was elected on the 9th ballot. The vote on the 1st ballot stood: Crane, 3; Nally, 12; Reynolds, 18; Burger, 35; Bloom, 33. The 9th and last ballot stood; Nally, 5; Reynolds, 4; Burger, 58; Bloom, 34”<sup>516</sup>*

In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Sonoma County, California.

*“W.B. Reynolds has been appointed a deputy inspector under the exclusion act, and that no Heathen Chinese indulge “in ways that are dark and tricks that are vain.”<sup>517</sup>*

*“W.B. Reynolds of Healdsburg, has received notifications of his appointment from Washington as inspector of Chinese for this Coast as provided by the Scott bill.”<sup>518</sup>*

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in San Francisco, California. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in San

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<sup>513</sup> Russian River Flag 16<sup>th</sup> November 1882

<sup>514</sup> Russian River Flag 17<sup>th</sup> May 1883

<sup>515</sup> Russian River Flag 29<sup>th</sup> November 1883

<sup>516</sup> Russian River Flag 18<sup>th</sup> August 1886

<sup>517</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 19<sup>th</sup> January 1889

<sup>518</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> February 1889

Francisco, San Francisco County, California working as a Real Estate Agent. In 1904, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in San Francisco, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in San Francisco Assembly District 38, San Francisco County, California. On the 5<sup>th</sup> December 1917, he passed away in San Francisco, California. At this time I cannot locate where he is buried. His daughter and wife were buried at Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg.

### **Marshal John Wesley Rose**

John Wesley Rose was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 1848 in Neversink, Sullivan County, New York to John Crippen Rose and Bridget Smith. When the 1855 New York State Census was taken he is living in Rockland, Sullivan County, New York. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Rockland, Sullivan County, New York. On the 4<sup>th</sup> January 1864, he enlisted in the 15<sup>th</sup> New York Calvary in Company E as a Private. He was 14 years and 7 months old at the time of his enlistment. He was discharged on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1865. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Analy, Sonoma County, California working as a Farm Laborer. On the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1874, he married Martha Ann Meyers<sup>519</sup> in Sonoma County, California.

*“On Wednesday, 17th inst., J.W. Rose of this place was admitted to the practice of law, by Judge W.C. Wallace, of the Seventh District Court.”<sup>520</sup>*

On the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1875, he was appointed Marshal of Healdsburg when Marshal Martin resigned.

*“J.W. Rose has been appointed City Marshal vice S.B. Martin, resigned.”<sup>521</sup>*

*“J.W. Rose, Marshal....\$11.00.”<sup>522</sup>*

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<sup>519</sup> Daughter of Abraham Dillon Meyers and Nancy Coryell

<sup>520</sup> Russian River Flag 25<sup>th</sup> February 1875

<sup>521</sup> Russian River Flag 1<sup>st</sup> April 1875

<sup>522</sup> Russian River Flag 6<sup>th</sup> May 1875

*“About four weeks ago Elam Hollar of Healdsburg, sixty years of age, was admitted to the County Hospital at Santa Rosa. A week ago he returned to Healdsburg on a visit. Last Tuesday, however, he said to Mrs. Grundy, a daughter with whom he is stopping, that he had concluded he had lived long enough; with one hand he cleared the whiskers from his throat, and with the other drew a pocket knife and attempted suicide. He was prevented, however, and Marshal J.W. Rose being summoned, the knife was taken from him, and the rash attempt frustrated.”<sup>523</sup>*

*“J.W. Rose, the retiring Marshal, declines to run again, as the demands of his professional duties as attorney, will not permit. We therefore have the pleasure to present the name of Wm. Ball. Mr. Ball is well known in the community as an energetic man, and one who attends strictly to duties entrusted to him. A determined and attentive marshal is what the city wants, and we believe Mr. Ball will fill the bill.”<sup>524</sup>*

*“Election—Rose, 103 and Ball, 71.”<sup>525</sup>*

*“Last Friday (14<sup>th</sup> December 1877), a silver watch was missed at the residence of W. Rosenberg of the “White House.” Marshal Rose was sent for and search made without avail. During the day, however, Mrs. R. detected a Chinese domestic endeavoring to conceal the lost treasure between the coverings of a quilt which he had cut open for the purpose. As the Chinaman only intended to remonetize the silver he was not arrested.”<sup>526</sup>*

*“Drunken Indians Again.—Who can tell why the city trustees take no action to protect the citizens from daily incursions of vicious drunken Indians? During last week almost every day a gang of these inebriates deported themselves noisily and insolently in the vicinity of the Methodist Church. On Saturday one, more dangerous than the rest, endeavored to break into the residence of Wm. Fitch, and finally brought up at the residence of Chas. Goodspeed, where he endeavored to*

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<sup>523</sup> Russian River Flag 15<sup>th</sup> March 1877

<sup>524</sup> Russian River Flag 10<sup>th</sup> May 1877

<sup>525</sup> Russian River Flag 17<sup>th</sup> May 1877

<sup>526</sup> Russian River Flag 20<sup>th</sup> December 1877

*shoot the owner, firing one shot deliberately at him. It was not till Mr. Goodspeed had procured a shotgun that the fellow could be arrested and turned over to City Marshal Rose.*"<sup>527</sup>

*"J.W. Rose elected to fill vacancy Resignation of N.W. Bostwick as City Marshal accepted, and election of successor postponed till next meeting"*<sup>528</sup>

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Lawyer.

*"On Wednesday evening Mr. J.W. Rose was elected City Attorney, in which act the Board secured an officer than whom no citizen stands higher for integrity and material worth, not to mention substantial legal abilities, and good judgment."*<sup>529</sup>

In 1899, he was made Notary Public in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Lawyer. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, 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. He was laid to rest at Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg.

### **Obituary**<sup>530</sup>

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 flow-1 era there shall be but one ending— "The

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<sup>527</sup> Russian River Flag 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1878

<sup>528</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 18<sup>th</sup> December 1879

<sup>529</sup> Russian River Flag 25<sup>th</sup> October 1883

<sup>530</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 31<sup>st</sup> August 1918

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 builder 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 56<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Deputy Nightwatchman/Nightwatchman George Chancellor Seawell

George Chancellor Seawell was born in October 1851 in Missouri to William Seawell and Sarah Richman. On the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1870, he is making his home in Hot Springs Township, Napa County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Big Valley, Lake County, California. In 1875, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1877, he married Alice Haigh<sup>531</sup> in Sonoma County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on East Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Butcher.

*“On Sunday evening W.F. O’Leary and George Seawell were driving in a buggy from Santa Rosa to Healdsburg. As they approached a bridge near Wright’s, about seven o’clock, another team came alongside, and the horse shied, running the buggy off the bridge and into a gully three or four feet deep, O’Leary and Seawell were both thrown out. Seawell escaped with a few slight bruises. O’Leary struck on his head and became unconscious from the concussion. His face was badly bruised, and it was several hours before he fully recovered consciousness. No bones were broken, and, fortunately, no serious injury resulted. In a few days he will be as good as new.”<sup>532</sup>*

In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Stock Raiser.

*“Petitions were received from Ed. Petray and George Seawell, asking the same contribution towards extra Nightwatchman which Chris Mason had been receiving prior to his appointment as a regular officer. A motion was then introduced rescinding the contribution act which had been in vogue. The motion was lost. Afterward a resolution was adopted creating the office of extra Nightwatchman with the modest sum of one dollar per month salary. A ballot was taken for a*

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<sup>531</sup> Daughter of John Bolton Haigh and Mary Engledow

<sup>532</sup> Russian River Flag 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1886

*choice of the candidates for extra Nightwatchman and it resulted in one vote being cast for each while there were three blanks. It was decided to defer the matter a week and leave the election of the extra Nightwatchman to the citizens by means of majority of paying signers. The Board will then ratify the election at the adjourned meeting.*<sup>533</sup>

*“Two candidates are out for this office, J.C. Ingalls, the present incumbent, and George Seawell. Mr. Ingalls has made a most efficient officer during his term, and if chosen to succeed himself the people may rely on the same faithful services as in the past. Mr. Seawell has been acting as extra night watch for several years, and if promoted to the position of Marshal he will doubtless render good service.”*<sup>534</sup>

*“Applications for the position of night watchman were received from George Seawell and Frank Whitson. Ballot resulted in three votes for Seawell and one for Whitson. Mr. Seawell was declared elected.”*<sup>535</sup>

In 1898, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Butcher. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Piper Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Merchant. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Brawn Street in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. On the 6<sup>th</sup> December 1918, he passed away in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### **Obituary**<sup>536</sup>

One of the pioneers of this section of the county, a resident in the mountain district on the Seawell Ranch in 1876, George C. Seawell, died Friday night at the residence of his daughter in San Francisco.

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<sup>533</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 4<sup>th</sup> June 1896

<sup>534</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 31<sup>st</sup> March 1898

<sup>535</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> June 1899

<sup>536</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 12<sup>th</sup> December 1918



A native of Missouri, he came across the plains during the gold rush, reaching Sonoma county in 1853, where he resided up to a few months before his death, when a paralytic stroke so enfeebled him that he moved to the home of his children.

Deceased leaves two brothers James W. Seawell of Healdsburg and Superior Judge Emmet Seawell of Santa Rosa. The sisters are Miss Lou Seawell of Santa Rosa and Mrs. Susan Wood of Oakland.

The children of the deceased include three daughters and two sons, the daughters being Mrs. Thomas Burger of San Francisco, Mrs. Nettie McFarlane and Mrs. Margaret Hildebrandt, and the sons are Earl and Ralph Seawell of Sausalito. Miss Mildred Matthews and Oscar Matthews of Santa Rosa and Will S. Dudley of Healdsburg are niece and nephews.

Deceased was a deputy sheriff under Frank P. Grace, and was connected with the police department of Healdsburg under Jack Ingalls, and served as constable for a long time. The wife of the deceased, who preceded him to the grave several years, was formerly Miss Alice Haigh, a well-known Healdsburg girl.

## **Nightwatchman/Assistant Marshal/Marshal John Long Sewell**

John Long Sewell was born on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1838 in Gainsville, Hall County, Georgia to Isaac Sewell and Rebecca Sowell. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in District 26, Cherokee County, Alabama. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1865, he married Sarah Louisa Wood<sup>537</sup> in Sonoma County, California. In 1866, 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 is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.

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<sup>537</sup> Daughter of Hamilton/Hamelton Wood and Mildred M. Settle

*“John Sewell was appointed Deputy Marshal.”<sup>538</sup>*

*“John Sewell, our Deputy Marshal, had the misfortune to lose his fine Morgan-Messenger stud-horse last Monday morning from inflammation of the stomach and bowels. The horse first showed symptoms of sickness on last Sunday night, and though carefully doctored and nursed by his owner, assisted by Bostwick and McRossie, rapidly sank until its death took place. The horse was four and a half years old, jet black, standing over sixteen hands, and was valued by its owner at \$1,200, he having refused \$1,200 for it as a three year old. Mr. Sewell thinks that the hay he was feeding might have been the cause, the quality being not of the best, it having been exposed to the rain.”<sup>539</sup>*

*“Constable Rupe requests us to say that he is greatly indebted to Marshal Kerr and Deputy Marshal Sewell, of Healdsburg, for their assistance in capturing the parties who burglarized his house. He finds them faithful and efficient officers, ready and willing to spend time and money, and to risk life and limb, to apprehend crime and bring criminals to justice. He also states that their salaries are hardly commensurate to the amount of labor to be performed.”<sup>540</sup>*

*“On motion J.L. Sewell was re-appointed Assistant Marshal, and Night Watch.”<sup>541</sup>*

In 1879, he is found on the Voter Register living in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Watchman.

*“Marshal Bostwick and assistant Marshal Sewell took to Santa Rosa Tuesday a Spaniard, formerly of Fulton, and C. Daniels, two worthless specimens of human nature, for condiment in the county jail, for selling liquor to Indians. Both were detected by Sewell, for which he deserves commendation. The first had sentenced by Justice Luce to 2 days and the second to 60 days, and they could be made to earn their board at the jail, they should have had the full allowance of 300 days. Indians were drunk around town on the Fourth, and disgustingly and insulting, the*

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<sup>538</sup> Russian River Flag 5<sup>th</sup> December 1878

<sup>539</sup> Russian River Flag 5<sup>th</sup> December 1878

<sup>540</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1879

<sup>541</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 29<sup>th</sup> May 1879

*liquor having been undoubtedly supplied by the men. If our officers keep up their zeal, we shall hope for total eradicate this villainy".*<sup>542</sup>

*"Three young men resisted an officer at the Theatre on Saturday night last, on Monday were fined \$25. \$25, \$10, respectively, by Judge Luce, and will no doubt be indicted by the next Grand Jury for their imprudence. We will omit their names, for we know that however hardened many think they are, they seem to feel the disgrace keenly, and promise to avoid all such trouble in the future. One we know to be industrious, quiet and faithful about his work. The others we do not know, only that all three have for a long time worse than thrown away their evenings by drinking, sometimes to excess, and the roughest kind of pastimes. This is the result their presence was not wanted at the dancing school, because they had no ladies, did not pay as the rest did, and were not polite. They were requested to retire first by the doorkeeper and next by our faithful officer, Assistant Marshal Sewell. They attacked Sewell and he had to roll around on the floor and be kicked and pounded in trying to do his duty. Had he clubbed them seriously, or even drawn his revolver and maimed them, no one could have blamed him. It is not expected that an officer is to submit to being bounced like a dog and kicked and beaten while making arrests. The young men may congratulate themselves that they have life and sound limbs left to them, even though the "penitentiary yawns before them and the turnkey stalks behind them." Hoodlumism must and will be stopped in Healdsburg."*<sup>543</sup>

*"John Sewell continues as Assistant Marshal and night-watch."*<sup>544</sup>

*"The petition of J.L. Sewell to be re-appointed Watchman and assistant Marshal was laid over till next meeting."*<sup>545</sup>

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<sup>542</sup> Russian River Flag 17<sup>th</sup> July 1879

<sup>543</sup> Russian River Flag 11<sup>th</sup> December 1879

<sup>544</sup> Russian River Flag 15<sup>th</sup> January 1880

<sup>545</sup> Russian River Flag 20<sup>th</sup> May 1880

*“The petition of Sewell to be appointed Assistant Marshal and Night-Watch and Leard's nomination as Assistant Marshal and Night-Watch were on motion laid over till next meeting.”<sup>546</sup>*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on West Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Policeman.

*“On last Monday morning one De Musset, of North Healdsburg, was arraigned before Justice Emerson on the charge of selling wine to Indians. He pleaded guilty, by advice of his counsel, Mr. W.G. Swan, and at four in the afternoon of the same day was fined ninety dollars. We trust that this will be his last offence of the kind.*

*Too much credit cannot be given to deputy-Marshall Sewell for bringing this charge home in such a manner that it could not be evaded. For weeks, at various times, the residents of North Healdsburg have been annoyed by the yells and bickering's of intoxicated Indians. The depot whence they obtained the material for their drunken orgies was well known, but so deftly was the business managed that to unmask it successfully severely taxed the pertinacity and zeal of our efficient deputy Marshal. No town in the State is happier in its police force than Healdsburg. This man De Musset is the owner of a winery in North Healdsburg, and when warned not to sell liquor to Indians, replied, in an ugly manner, that he should to do so if he liked and that he would kill any officer who came around his premises for the purpose of detecting him. In the meantime the noise and disturbance from drunken Indians continued and the citizens appealed to Deputy Marshal Sewell, who had already done so much signal service in this direction, to use best endeavors to stop it. The officer run every risk, night and day. De Musset meeting him once and threatening his life, and again firing a double-barrel shot gun over his head. But finally the man was detected handing a jug to a squaw; the squaw was over, hauled and the jug captured with contents enough left in it to convict. De Musset then “sloped,” and in a day or so sent in word that he could cut be taken, but would pay \$50 if they would let him off. The Marshal and Judge sent word back that they were not engaged in that kind of business, but that if he did not come in voluntarily he would be brought in. He returned words of defiance and*

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<sup>546</sup> Russian River Flag 10<sup>th</sup> June 1880

*threats to the officers. Sewell having done his part, the Chief Marshal Reynolds got his back up at so much defiance and concluded to have his man, if it was in the deck to do it. Constable Rimmel, of Geyserville celebrity, was notified, and replied with a dispatch that the man was in that neighborhood. Reynolds went up, the two watched the house all night, and at day-light went in; one at the front and the other at the rear. The women screamed (Mrs. De Musset being there also) and said he was not there. But, revolver in hand, the boys dodged into one room, then another, the woodshed, the outhouses, and back again through the rooms, moving quickly so as not to receive any shots in the back. Both were finally searching a room, when Reynolds saw the "mucho bravado" behind a door, flattened cut as thin as a shingle. Covering him with his cocked revolver, and calling to Rimmel, the "brigand" was "taken." All he said was: "Meester Raynol, you pooty good Marshal; I voted fer you" Reynolds thanked him, and advised him not to boast any more, but keep quiet and hereafter act within the law. They found a sixteen-shooter, full of cartridges, and a loaded six-shooter in the room; but their man had apparently not been able to get them. Reynolds and Rimmel are hard to beat.*

*All we have to say in addition is, we fail to discover any extenuating circumstances why the extent of the law was not given in this case which is \$500 fine, and 500 days imprisonment. He will no doubt get that from Judge Emerson the next time."<sup>547</sup>*

*"At an early hour Wednesday morning, marshal Sewell heard some parties trying to gain admittance to Ruffner's store; on his approaching they disappeared across the plaza along the street to the Sotoyome House, which they entered, passed up the front stairs sod down the back way, Sewell close on their track. The would-be burglars gained the street again and were lost in the darkness."<sup>548</sup>*

*"Ex-Deputy Marshal Sewell is still retained by our principal business men aa night-watch and special policeman and as there may still be citizens who does not understand the pluck required to clear a town of tramps and thieves, we call*

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<sup>547</sup> Russian River Flag 15<sup>th</sup> July 1880

<sup>548</sup> Russian River Flag 27<sup>th</sup> January 1881

*attention to a case that happened in this city a few evenings since. Two strange roughs had appeared in the city early in the evening, and were at once shadowed by Sewell. During the evening he discovered them in the rear of Wright & Brown's, and overheard them testing their pistols, and vowing vengeance against the watchman who had "pulled" them a year previously in this town. They then went on and finally, near midnight, entered the Sotoyome House by the rear. Sewell roused the clerk and the thieves soon rushed out. Upon being told by Sewell to halt, one of them instantly fired, the ball grazing the watchman's temple. The fire was returned by Sewell with two rapid shots, the last one bringing forth a howl of pain, the whole transaction being heard by inmates of the hotel. It is needless to add that the scoundrels have not been, and probably never will be seen here again so long as so plucky a reception is sure to be ready for them.*"<sup>549</sup>

*"On Tuesday night two tramps called at the house of W.P. Warren, in Alexander Valley, and asked for meals and lodging, stating they were out of money, and on their way to Healdsburg; to look for work in a tin shop. Mr. Warren, who is noted for his hospitality, took them in, fed them and gave them a comfortable bed. The two gentlemen tramps returned the kindness by stealing money found in a garment belonging to one of Mr. Warren's little daughters that was hanging in the room where the tramps slept. The theft was discovered by the family, when Mr. Warren and Mr. Cunningham, who lives with Mr. Warren, drove to town. The facts were made known to Marshal Sewell, who finally tracked them to a box car near the depot, arrested them and locked them up in the calaboose. Mr. Sewell learned where they had spent a part of the money and the balance was on their person. The accounts were found to balance to a cent.*"<sup>550</sup>

*"J.L. Sewell, late Watchman of this city is a candidate for Marshal.*"<sup>551</sup>

*"J.L. Sewell re-appointed assistant City Marshal and Night Watch at a salary of 20.00 per month.*"<sup>552</sup>

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<sup>549</sup> Russian River Flag 17<sup>th</sup> March 1881

<sup>550</sup> Russian River Flag 27<sup>th</sup> January 1881

<sup>551</sup> Russian River Flag 28<sup>th</sup> April 1881

<sup>552</sup> Russian River Flag 14<sup>th</sup> July 1881

*“Bill in favor of J.L. Sewell for back services as Nightwatch, from Feb. 1st to Feb. 7th, 1881, both days inclusive, \$4.50; and services in August, \$20.00, total \$24.50.”<sup>553</sup>*

*“We learn as we go to press that a still hunt has been made by the bosses to defeat John Sewell, citizens’ nominee for Marshal. Mr. Sewell has always been the right man in the right place; let us all come forward and sustain him one term as Marshal, and see if he will not also give satisfaction in that place. The public don’t like this “spite” business of hoodlums and bosses.”<sup>554</sup>*

*“Marshal Election—John Marshal, 40, J. Stewart, 16, Ed. Jones, 16, and John Clack, 12.”<sup>555</sup>*

*“At half past twelve last Saturday night a coal oil lamp exploded in the residence of city Marshal Sewell. A bed where Mrs. Sewell was sleeping caught fire and she narrowly escaped by the assistance of her son Bennie. Carpet, books and furniture were damaged to the extent of fifty dollars.”<sup>556</sup>*

*“Marshal Sewell has been able to sit up; his broken shoulder is rapidly repairing, but internal injuries delay him.”<sup>557</sup>*

On the 20<sup>th</sup> October 1883, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg.

### **Obituary<sup>558</sup>**

Died. SEWELL —In Healdsburg, Oct. 20, 1883, John Long Sewell, aged 43 years and 5 months.

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<sup>553</sup> Russian River Flag 15<sup>th</sup> September 1881

<sup>554</sup> Russian River Flag 31<sup>st</sup> May 1883

<sup>555</sup> Russian River Flag 24<sup>th</sup> May 1883

<sup>556</sup> Russian River Flag 20<sup>th</sup> September 1883

<sup>557</sup> Russian River Flag 11<sup>th</sup> October 1883

<sup>558</sup> Russian River Flag 25<sup>th</sup> October 1883

On the 24th day of September, the deceased, our City Marshal, met with a terrible accident by falling backwards from a wagon to the hard roadway of the street, sustaining a fracture of the collar bone, and injuries to the head and spine, which terminated fatally on Saturday last. During his long suffering he received the attendance of physicians, the solicitude of friends and tender nursing of a devoted wife, but the fates decreed for the worst. Before becoming unconscious, he realized that he must die, and expressed himself as resigned, his solicitude being only for his family, seeming to lament the fact that he could not leave them in better worldly circumstances. But here come the good offices of the Ancient Order of United Workmen to which he belonged. The brethren of his lodge sent a nurse and a check for fifty dollars; brethren paid constant calls, and when death came the members assembled and laid him tenderly away, and will in a few days hand the widow a check for \$2,000.

On the day of the funeral the band boys of Lerch's Band, hearing that the Marshal had once expressed a wish to have music at his funeral, came forward in their beautiful uniforms and played sweet marches and dirges from the residence to the grave. The Hook and Ladder company turned out to a man, the position of the deceased alone being vacant, and the Hose Company acted as escort. Fifty-five Workmen followed, then the hearse and pallbearers, and fifty-five teams, constituting the largest funeral cortege ever seen here, and the first one to be escorted by funeral instrumental music.

The services at the house were by Mr. Filbin of the M.E. Church, who, in pronouncing the eulogium over the dead, argued cogently from the evidences of future existence, the discourse being short and exceedingly commendatory. The singing was by the Messrs. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Shipley, Mrs. Joy and Miss Joy. Flowers in beautiful designs were placed on the coffin. At the grave the Workmen's service was performed, the choir sang again, an instrumental dirge was given by the band, and Mr. Filbin dismissed the people with his benediction; altogether constituting one of the most quiet and earnest funerals we have had : a fitting burial to an honest public officer and an honored citizen.



The exceedingly large attendance at the funeral of citizens and organizations is gratifying proof that the true qualities of our fellow citizen were understood and appreciated, and we desire to testify to a long and intimate acquaintanceship, in which we found him fearless in the cause of right and ever solicitous for the weak and wanting. He rose to the position of Marshal by the sheer force of his positive and honorable character. To him the city largely owes its peaceful character. The moral portion of the city at least know and appreciate this. He was a man of religious tendencies, but a member of no church. He loved his family and they were devoted to him.

The deceased was born in Gainsville, Ga., but spent his childhood in Alabama; he came to Sacramento, a lad 18 years of age, in 1856; the next year he removed to San Rafael, remaining there, dairying, eight years; he then removed to this section, farming on Upper Dry Creek up to twelve years ago, when he moved to town, and has been Assistant Marshal and Marshal during the past five years, He married in 1865, Miss Sarah Wood, a native of Hannibal, Mo., and sister to Mrs. John Bell, who now survives him, together with a son, Benj. H., aged 17 ; a daughter, Millie R., aged 15, and a son Quimby, aged 11 years. He tried to do by his fellow-men as he would be done by.

### **Deputy Marshal Peter Landis Shelford**

Peter Landis Shelford was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1848 in New York to John Shelford III and Susan M. Smith. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Chemung, Chemung County, New York. In 1855, he along with his parents and brothers and sisters left from New York for California making the trip by water, arriving on board the Steamer John L. Stephens in San Francisco, California on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1855. In 1868, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Cloverdale, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Cloverdale, Sonoma County, California. On the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1871, he married Nancy Mary Hall<sup>559</sup> in Sonoma

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<sup>559</sup> Daughter of David Woodburn Hall and America Soward

County, California. On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1872, his wife Mary passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. Sometime around 1880, he married Nancy Beasore<sup>560</sup> in Sonoma County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Cloverdale, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.

*“A man named Peter Shelford, the proprietor of a steam thrashing machine, while at work in the fields Monday, near Cloverdale, in the absence of his engineer, tried to oil the steam ches through a stationary oil cup. He did not notice that the steam wan turned into the box, and let the scalding oil fly into his face and eyes. His eyesight is thought to be, if not wholly, at least very seriously impaired.”<sup>561</sup>*

*“The highwayman who attempted to rob the Utah stage yesterday was captured and brought to town in a spring wagon by Peter Shelford, Y. Allen, Sam Allen, Wm. Frazier and H. Groshong, who will receive the \$600 standing reward. The robber was making his way for Lake county and was surprised to see the rifle of P. Shelford at his head. He was at once made to give up the arms he had in his possession — a British bulldog pistol, a large butcher knife and a double-barrel shotgun, also all the disguised clothing he wore except the false grey beard and slouch hat, which he said he threw away. His name, he says, is John Martin, and he has only been in this State nine months. He is English, and by occupation a sailor, thirty-five years of age. He speaks freely and acknowledges his guilt, saying that all he wanted was money, but that he got left. He did not intend to shoot anybody when he fired after the stage had passed, but only wanted to frighten the driver so that he would hurry away and give him a chance to escape. This is his first attempt, and a poor one. He will be taken to Ukiah tomorrow, where he will be tried.”<sup>562</sup>*

*“Cloverdale, Sept. 7.—7:35 p. m. The highwayman who robbed the Ukiah stage yesterday was captured in Healdsburg today. After committing the robbery he had started for Lake county, but being closely pursued by Wm. Frazier, Hiram*

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<sup>560</sup> Daughter of Daniel Potter Beasore and Tempest Elizabeth English

<sup>561</sup> Los Angeles Herald 1<sup>st</sup> September 1882

<sup>562</sup> Daily Alta California 28<sup>th</sup> January 1886

*Groshong and Peter Shelford, he doubled to the railroad. Frazier look the train for Healdsburg, and on his arrival there arrested an individual, he thought was his man, on suspicion. The prisoner was held until J.N. Thacker, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s detective, arrived from San Francisco and took him in charge and brought him to this place. He told a very straight story at first, but on being closely questioned contradicted himself and weakened. Had it not been for the opportune arrival of Thacker he would have been set at liberty. Detective Thacker recognized in him a defaulting book-keeper from San Francisco, to which charge he will also have to answer. He pleaded guilty to the charge of robbing the stage, will wave an examination and will be sentenced by the Superior Court in Ukiah to which place Sheriff Standly, of Mendocino county, took him this afternoon. His name is George Thomas Wyatt, is a man of good education and was at one time connected with the coast survey under Capt. Rogers.”<sup>563</sup>*

*“Cloverdale, Cal., April 19. The Ukiah stage arrived at the usual time to-day with an account of a robbery that took place two miles this side of Hopland. As the stage neared a well-known redwood tree, a man appeared with a barley sack as a mask, his hands and feet were also covered with socks, which made a complete disguise. He carried a Winchester rifle and his demands for Wells, Fargo & Co's, box was at once complied with by Bill Blackmore, the driver. After the arrival of the stage, William Frazier, Peter Shelford, and William Forsythe, started in pursuit with a trained blood hound. The haul was light, only amounting to thirty dollars in money.”<sup>564</sup>*

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<sup>563</sup> Sonoma Democrat 11<sup>th</sup> September 1886

<sup>564</sup> Morning Press 20<sup>th</sup> April 1887

*William Frazier, Peter Shelford and William Forsythe started in pursuit with a trained bloodhound. The haul was light, only amounting to \$30 in money.”<sup>565</sup>*

*“At about 8:30 o’clock Wednesday night of last week two unknown persons entered the Kentucky saloon, North Healdsburg, and, after dealing Ed. Pruett a blow that knocked him unconscious, rifled his pockets and ransacked the saloon. The miscreants fled, taking with them the pillage consisting of two watches, a revolver and about \$100 in coin. Officers Leard and Shelford went out in pursuit of the despoilers but no trace of them has yet been found.”<sup>566</sup>*

*“Peter Shelford is building a grist mill at his place near the county machinery will arrive shortly and the mill is expected to be completed in a few weeks.”<sup>567</sup>*

*“P.L. Shelford is having built an immense spray pump that will be operated by steam power. It will have ten-fold the capacity of machines now generally used and will be far better otherwise. He expects to have the machine ready for use in a few days.”<sup>568</sup>*

*“Peter Shelford, deputy marshal \$4.00”<sup>569</sup>*

*“Peter Hoargo, the Chilean arrested on last Tuesday by P. Shelford for furnishing the Indians with liquor was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Coffman on Friday and was held to appear before the Superior Court on the charge.”<sup>570</sup>*

On the 5<sup>th</sup> September 1893, he wife Nancy passed away.

*“On Thursday Thomas Burns, a tramp, was taken in tow by Detective Shelford and the next day he pleaded guilty to the charge of furnishing liquor to Indians. The prisoner was held over for appearance in the Superior Court and his bonds were fixed at \$500. Deputy Constable Cook took him to Santa Rosa Monday. This is*

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<sup>565</sup> Daily Alta California 21<sup>st</sup> April 1887

<sup>566</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1891

<sup>567</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1891

<sup>568</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 11<sup>th</sup> February 1892

<sup>569</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 14<sup>th</sup> July 1892

<sup>570</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1893

*Bunns' first offense of this nature and the hand of Law will likely use him a little tenderly.*<sup>571</sup>

*"John Dollar, a half-breed, was arrested Monday by Deputy Constable Shelford for selling liquor to Indians. He was turned over to Constable Norton, who discovered too great an insufficiency of evidence to hold him and he was given his freedom."*<sup>572</sup>

*"Brady, the celebrated outlaw, train robber and desperado, was reported to the local police Sunday afternoon as being in this vicinity and it created no mild excitement. The report came from two sources and to all appearances there was foundation to it sufficient to give credence to its absolute reliability.*

*In riding about on the hilly Bailhache range Sunday Fred Bailhache was surprised by the appearance of a man in a dark canyon. The stranger's actions were very suspicious and he answered the description of Brady precisely. Fred brought the information to town and on that afternoon while Constable John C. Ingalls was perambulating about the river a stranger, who was about three sheets in the wind, approached him and told him in a plausible manner that the night before he had slept with Brady and that he is camping on the river. He gave his name as Hansen.*

*Hansen claimed that he was a deputy under Sheriff Johnson of Mendocino county, coming here with the explicit purpose of running down Brady. He told the story that he was a member of the posse who ran down the stage-robbers near Ukiah and unearthed the booty which amounted to several hundred dollars. Hansen stated further that he was playing the part of a tramp in order to gain the confidence of Brady. Beyond all question or doubt Hansen was telling the truth in the mind of Ingalls and the latter brought him to town and showed him in the office of Marshal Leard a photograph of Brady which Hansen stated the fellow tallied with exactly.*

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<sup>571</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 12<sup>th</sup> July 1894

<sup>572</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 14<sup>th</sup> February 1895

*Constable Ingalls told Hansen to go back to the river and promised to have a posse organized as quickly as Marshal Leard would return to town. He complied and late in the afternoon Ingalls, Leard and Deputy Constable Peter Shelford, each armed with a Winchester, drove down to the river where they met Hansen whom they questioned closely before they would accept his story, but he repeated what he told Ingalls so accurately that they were assured he was telling the truth. He stated furthermore that Brady told him he had \$1,200 buried in close proximity of his camp and that Hansen being one of his kind the latter need not want for anything Hansen then went to the willows north of the railroad bridge and returned with a sack of provisions which he told the posse was given to him by Brady. It contained sugar, salt, coffee and rice and a little domestic bag resembling such which Wells, Fargo & Co. convey coin in.*

*The officers now fully assured that they were not being hoodwinked became very hopeful of capturing the bandit, and after Hansen and the officers got upon the rail road bridge and were pointed out the spot where he claimed the outlaw made his camp for two nights previous, which was in a northeast direction and in a dense thicket of willows, the posse began the search. He admonished the party to use the utmost care, alleging that another man, a burly, dark complexioned fellow, was with him, that both men were armed with sawed-off, double-barrel shotguns and big revolvers and that they said they would shoot anybody on sight.*

*Acting on the advice of Hansen the posse separated, Hansen and Shelford going up the river on the south side, and Leard and Ingalls got into their buggy, drove up to town and around to the gate of Luce's peach orchard on the north side of the river where they tied their horse and entered, going through the place to the bank. Hansen and Shelford in a boat crossed the water and the four met again. In the meantime the posse was joined by Constable Norton who arrived with a double-barrel shotgun.*

*Hansen was given the gun which Norton had and persisted in taking the lead, saying, "I will take Brady or die in the attempt." Going through the brush Hansen had both hammers wide open and occasionally he would cause Leard grave terror by pointing the weapon directly at him. The man with all this courage advanced to*

*the lead and, turning about to the others, pleaded to them that in the event of his death they take care of his family in San Francisco, whose address he furnished, and give him a decent burial. Leard replied that it would be done and after scouring the brush for a couple of hours, when about dusk, the posse lost all hope and, growing suspicious of the allegations of Hansen, abandoned the search and returned to town.*

*Leard and another officer, however, were not yet fully satisfied that Hansen was victimizing them with a hoax and they started out again Monday morning to where they first met Hansen at the river and it was then that they to their sorrow and perplexity discovered that it was all a canard.*

*On their way J.H. Curtiss called their attention to a man who was giving liquor to Indians. They alighted from their buggy, and stealing up to the transgressor, who proved to be Hansen, witnessed him in the act, and to his surprise they suddenly came upon him and seized him without being offered any resistance.*

*He had been overheard previous to that to tell the Indians in a braggart way that he had got solid with the officers the day before hunting for Brady and that he made them the victims of a gross deception. In an ostentatious manner he praised himself on being so artful and said he was going to make some money out of the traffic which he feloniously engaged in.*

*When taken prisoner Hansen admitted having put up a job on the officers and he was conveyed to the city prison where he was found to be the rankest fraud after a short interview with him and that he had served a term once for the destruction of a camp in Mendocino county with explosives. He was charged with furnishing liquor to Indiana and will be examined to-day.*

*Hansen is quite a joker, but doubtless that joke will cost him continuous grief for the next two or three years. He is a tall, stout Swede, weighing about 210 pounds, and was well dressed and makes a good appearance.*

*Who the strange individual that Fred Bailhache saw Sunday afternoon on his stock range is a mystery, but the officers do not believe he is the man he was supposed to be.*<sup>573</sup>

In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California.

*“Peter Shelford, an old and well-known resident of Healdsburg, met with an accident on Monday of last week, while working on the Snow Mountain power plant in Potter Valley, Mendocino county. Mr. Shelford was assisting in placing the machinery and over lifted himself, sustaining a rupture of a blood vessel and other internal injuries. He came down on Wednesday of last week and is now confined to his home on the river road, near the bridge. He is doing well and will possibly be able to be out in a couple of weeks. He states that the power house will be finished in six weeks or two months. The plant is a fine one, of 75,000 horsepower, which will furnish electric light and power to the bay counties. Quite a large body of water will be turned through the tunnel from Eel River into Russian river, and it is not at all likely that the bed of the river will ever be dry at any time during the summer months.”*<sup>574</sup>

When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home on Front Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1927, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, California.

### **Obituary**<sup>575</sup>

*P.L. Shelford, 79, for many years a resident of Healdsburg, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nat Pettengill, in Front street shortly after 12:30*

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<sup>573</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 18<sup>th</sup> July 1895

<sup>574</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 12<sup>th</sup> September 1907

<sup>575</sup> Healdsburg Tribune 5<sup>th</sup> July 1927



*o'clock this afternoon. He had been cared for by Mrs. Pettengill during his last illness of several months.*

*Besides Mrs. Pettengill the deceased is survived by two children; Mrs. W.F. Young and Mrs. H.L. Moore of Piedmont. He was also the father of the late George E. Shelford and a brother of S.R. Shelford, San Francisco; E.M. Shelford, Cloverdale; Mrs. F.M. Wyatt of Winters and the late L.L. Shelford and Mrs. M.C. Wyatt. Mr. Shelford was a native of New York. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.*

## **Constable William Preston Snook**

William Preston Snook was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 1824 in Yates County, New York. In 1852, he crossed the Plains and settled in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1863, he registered for the Civil War Draft living in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. In 1865, he married Margaret Adams<sup>576</sup>. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Constable.

*"Constable J.W. Bell resigned and W.P. Snook is appointed in his place."<sup>577</sup>*

*"A cutting affray occurred among the Indians on John D. Grant's ranch yesterday morning. Indian Mantucso used a large knife on Bernardo, an Indian well-known here, making some ghastly wounds. One cut in the breast Dr. Rupe who attended him pronounces dangerous. Constable Snook has been after Mantucso, but he had up to last night failed to find him; however he was informed that the Indian, accompanied by his squaw, had gone in the direction of Luce's ranch, up the river."<sup>578</sup>*

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<sup>576</sup> Daughter of Joseph Adams and Charlotte Shepherd

<sup>577</sup> Russian River Flag 13<sup>th</sup> May 1875

<sup>578</sup> Russian River Flag 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1875

*“Every city has its hoodlum element. Healdsburg has never been greatly annoyed by them until within a few months past, but as their number is small and depredations serious only occasionally, their extinction will probably be easy. Last Thursday, Constable Snook found a 13-year-old lad who had during three or four days previous, partly by day and partly by night, relieved our merchants of their goods unlawfully as follows ; Mulligan & Bro., two pistols, \$20; Sam Meyer, a pistol, \$10; H. Baruch, box of cigars and bag of tobacco, \$3; R. Hertel, can of powder, \$1.25; H. Goldstein, pocket-knives, purses, etc, \$16; Wright & Brown, pencils, —; Mrs. Notter, two chickens, which he sold to the poultry man for money which he spent at the church festival. He boards in town and goes to school; but falling in with a few hoodlums, was induced to pilfer by them—they sharing in all his plunder. He readily confessed to the Constable, and returned nearly all the property; was very penitent, and crying, begged forgiveness, and promised to lead an upright life hereafter—on this condition he was released. However, not before the names of his accomplices were obtained, towards whom the attention of the city officers is now directed. In San Francisco, it has been decided that the Police Judge can lawfully pass sentence upon minors; therefore we warn parents whose boys are not to be accounted for, to beware of having them disgraced by a felonious conviction. Let all hoodlums dread being brought before Police Judge Sargent, for the Constable, urged on by the citizens, says that this petty stealing and vandalism that has been going on for months past, must now draw to a close—without regard to whom disgrace will fall upon.”<sup>579</sup>*

*“John M.L. Schuhardt, who lives in the mountains about ten miles west of Healdsburg, left this place on horseback at a late hour last Saturday night, to proceed home. As he approached the Dry creek bridge he was stopped by two Indians, who demanded that he should hand over what valuables he had about him. He gave them some tobacco from his pocket, and they also took some packages of groceries and dry goods from behind the saddle. But whisky and money seemed to be the chief objects of their search, and not finding these they drew knives on Mr. Schuhardt. He spurred his horse forward to escape and called for help. The Indians struck at him, but missed, and cut the horse severely on the*

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<sup>579</sup> Russian River Flag 9<sup>th</sup> March 1876

*rump. Mr. Schuhardt proceeded to John Pickle's house and remained till morning, when became back to town and swore out a writ for the arrest of the Indians. Constable Snook succeeded in finding the stolen goods at one of the Rancherias on Dry creek and arrested two Indians on suspicion. They were brought before Justice Willson, but owing to the absence of Mr. Schuhardt as a witness, they were discharged from custody.*"<sup>580</sup>

*"W.P. Snook, Census Marshal, for Healdsburg School District, has finished his labors, and this week we are enabled to give a correct list of the number of our school children between the ages of five and Seventeen: Boys, 267 ; girls 276. Total, 543. School children in the district under age, 196. Of the colored children there are 20 Chinese, 2 Indian and 1 Negro.*"<sup>581</sup>

*"Town Election—Constables- J. Emerson (233), W.P. Snook (373) and S. Eickenburg (281).*"<sup>582</sup>

*"W.P. Snook, our worthy Constable, has been suffering quite severely for several days past from rheumatism in the leg.*"<sup>583</sup>

*"Among other officers to be elected next Wednesday are two Justices and two Constables for this township. The candidates for Justice are Jirah Luce and J.P. Price, present incumbents, and J. P. Emerson. They are all competent and a good choice is bound to result. A recent uncalled for insinuation against Mr. Emerson, from a certain source, ought to, if anything, give him greater strength. The candidates for constable are J.S. Bell, J.B. Leard and W.P. Snook. They, also, are competent—each and every one of them.*"<sup>584</sup>

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Constable. In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register living in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working

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<sup>580</sup> Russian River Flag 6<sup>th</sup> April 1876

<sup>581</sup> Russian River Flag 5<sup>th</sup> July 1877

<sup>582</sup> Sonoma Democrat 15<sup>th</sup> September 1877

<sup>583</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1878

<sup>584</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 28<sup>th</sup> August 1879

as a Farmer. On the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1893, he passed away in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

### Obituary<sup>585</sup>

William P. Snook, one of Healdsburg's oldest citizens, died of heart disease at his home after a brief indisposition Saturday morning at 2 o'clock. Mr. Snook was born in Yates county, New York, in 1822, came across the plains to California in '52 and settled in Healdsburg. Eleven years later he went back to his native State and there joined in wedlock with Margaret Adams. He then returned to Healdsburg with his wife and here he spent the remainder of his days. Mr. Snook was universally respected and many are his sorrowing friends. His wife and three children— Edward, Marcus and Warren —survive. The funeral services were held at his late home in the presence of a large gathering Sunday and the interment took place at Oak Mound cemetery.

### Joseph Edward Stewart

Joseph Edward Stewart was born in 1834 in New York. On the 19<sup>th</sup> August 1858, he married Harriet C. Fiero<sup>586</sup> in New York, New York. In 1861, he came to California via Panama, and settled in Healdsburg in 1867. In 1867, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer.

*“Jos. Stewart, while working on the Grangers' Warehouse last week, met with a painful accident. A heavy stick of timber was being raised, when the blocking gave*

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<sup>585</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 16<sup>th</sup> March 1893

<sup>586</sup> Daughter of Stephanus Fiero and Helena Lanny Rossman

*away, and it fell across his foot, bruising it and breaking some of the small bones.*<sup>587</sup>

*“Downing & Rauscher, photographers, Dr. J.A. Beatty, and Jos. Stewart leave San Francisco for Oregon next Saturday. Dr. Beatty<sup>588</sup> will return about the middle of July. Fare to Portland, steerage, \$2.50; cabin, \$7.”*

*“As an evidence of the forwardness of the season, Jos. Stewart showed us some beautiful full-blown blossoms plucked from a cherry tree in his orchard a few days ago. The season for cherry trees to blossom is in the Spring, but our warm rains and genial sunshine have so helped vegetation that to all appearances we are now in the midst of Spring. The orchard from which the blossoms were obtained is on foothill land.”<sup>589</sup>*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Railroad Street in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.

*“Jos. Stewart, Street Commissioner \$45.75.”<sup>590</sup>*

*“S. Englehart, J.E. Stewart and C.A. Hassett were sworn to act as Deputy Marshals on the Fourth of July.”<sup>591</sup>*

*“J.E. Stewart street work and police duty \$24.00.”<sup>592</sup>*

*“J. E. Stewart is at work hewing posts to replace those holding the hitching chains about the plaza. Those now in use are not considered safe as many are rotten and not solid enough to hitch a strong horse to.”<sup>593</sup>*

*“J.E. Stewart, Nightwatch 3 days, \$4.50”<sup>594</sup>*

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<sup>587</sup> Russian River Flag 5<sup>th</sup> July 1877

<sup>588</sup> Russian River Flag 27<sup>th</sup> June 1878

<sup>589</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 12<sup>th</sup> December 1878

<sup>590</sup> Russian River Flag 5<sup>th</sup> January 1882

<sup>591</sup> Russian River Flag 12<sup>th</sup> July 1883

<sup>592</sup> Russian River Flag 9<sup>th</sup> August 1883

<sup>593</sup> Russian River Flag 13<sup>th</sup> September 1883

<sup>594</sup> Russian River Flag 9<sup>th</sup> June 1886

*“Joseph Stewart came over from his home on the coast last week and spent a few days with ids son, Louis, in this city.”<sup>595</sup>*

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Duncan’s Mill, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1894, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Duncan’s Mill, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In May 1897, he passed away in Sonoma County, California.<sup>596</sup> Most likely buried in the Stewart Plot in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California as 2 of his sons that passed in the 1890’s are laid to rest in that Plot.

## **Officer James Stinson**

James Stinson was born in January 1844 in England. In 1869, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Tomales, Marin County, California working as a Laborer. In 1879, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Petaluma, Sonoma County, California working as a Painter. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Main Street in Petaluma, Sonoma County, California working as a Painter. In 1890, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Painter.

*“Petitions from Jas. Stinson and Thos. T. Bryan, candidates for special officer, were read and placed on the table.”<sup>597</sup>*

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.

*“Officer Stinson says that over his beat in the neighborhood of the depot the campers, who are employees in the canneries, occasion him no trouble whatever*

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<sup>595</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 29<sup>th</sup> October 1891

<sup>596</sup> Found in Ancestry tree. Can’t find death date or obituary at this time.

<sup>597</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> September 1891

*and conduct themselves in a manner that does them credit. This fact is of unusual occurrence.”<sup>598</sup>*

*“Jas. Stinson is as vigilant officer as Healdsburg ever had. Oh his beat quietude reigns supreme.”<sup>599</sup>*

*“Jas. Stinson has resigned his position on the police force.”<sup>600</sup>*

*“At about 10 o’clock Saturday evening, as young Johnny Gilbride was on his way home, in South Healdsburg, and but a few yards from his gate, an unknown person took a shot at him with a revolver and the bullet penetrated the lad’s left hand. A surgeon was immediately summoned and the wounded member dressed. The night was very dark and, though a close search for the perpetrator was made, no clue has been found. Officer Stinson, whose beat includes that portion of the city, believes that Johnny was mistaken for him, for time and again threats against his life have been made by "vags" because Mr. Stinson brought them to justice for their nefarious offenses. The wound is not serious and the use of the hand will be recovered before long.”<sup>601</sup>*

*“The services of Officer Stinson were dispensed with, but for this month. Marshal Leard was empowered to appoint a special officer, in the event of it becoming necessary, for no longer than seven days at a time.”<sup>602</sup>*

*“Wednesday night a week Marshal Leard and his deputy, L.A. Norton, took into their custody the ex-policeman Jim Stinson, better known as “Windy Jim,” at the instance of his landlady, Mrs. C.J. Lelouarn, in whose presence he used profane language. The prisoner made no resistance of arrest and marched to the bastille with little concern. He objected, however, to being confined in jail like an “ordinary” criminal and sent out a couple of men to hunt up sureties for his appearance in court, but they were not to be found and he had not ampule funds on hand to put up cash bail, consequently he was compelled to go behind the bars.*

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<sup>598</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 25<sup>th</sup> August 1892

<sup>599</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 1<sup>st</sup> September 1892

<sup>600</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> September 1892

<sup>601</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 29<sup>th</sup> September 1892

<sup>602</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 6<sup>th</sup> October 1892

*The next day he was arraigned before Justice Coffman on the charge, and when the testimony of the plaintiff and her two little sons was heard he was assigned to the county jail for three months without the alternative of a fine.*

*Stinson came here about three years ago from Petaluma, where, it is rumored, he was tendered an invitation by the citizens to make his residence elsewhere. Shortly afterward he took up his quarters at Mrs. Lelouarn's house in North Healdsburg, but only until lately did he compensate the lady for his board and lodging, when he furnished her with a few groceries occasionally. Mrs. Lelouarn is a widow, the mother of three young children and is a cripple. She depends on washing and housework for a livelihood. A week before Stinson's arrest she alleges that he assailed her. That afternoon she had been at work for Mrs. A.L. Paul, assisting her in moving and when she returned home she found that Stinson had barred her out by fastening the door. When she forced it open the monster grasped her by the throat and she might have been strangled had not her son, Henry, come to her assistance with a table fork, with which he punctured the flesh over Stinson's left eye.*

*Of late Stinson had been drinking heavily and the neighbors say that such disturbances were of frequent occurrence. His absence from Healdsburg is generally hailed with delight.”<sup>603</sup>*

In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Petaluma No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1898, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Petaluma No. 2, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Maine Street in Petaluma, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. On the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1909, he passed away in Sonoma County, California.

### **Obituary<sup>604</sup>**

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<sup>603</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 19<sup>th</sup> January 1893

<sup>604</sup> Press Democrat 29<sup>th</sup> September 1909



James Stinson, who has been a well-known character shout town in Petaluma for many years, having lived there altogether about half a century, died yesterday afternoon at the county hospital, where he had been taken in a serious condition on Monday. "Major" Stinson, as he was familiarly called, was known to every man, woman and child In Petaluma. At all celebrations it had been his duty for years to fire the required number of salutes from an old cannon. He had a remarkable memory, and he never let the Petaluma newspapers overlook an anniversary of some past event, without reminding the scribe. Many friends in Petaluma will hear with regret of his death, and word came from that city last night that the money would be forthcoming whereby he would be given a decent burial and would not be allowed to rest In the Potter's field.

### **Nightwatchman/Deputy Marshal Harrison "Harry" Truitt**

Harrison "Harry" Truitt was born in July 1847 in Missouri to James Hayden Truitt and Paulina J. Hostetter. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Stock Raiser. On the 25<sup>th</sup> December 1872, he married Della Hendry Whitlock<sup>605</sup> in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 25<sup>th</sup> November 1886, he married a 2<sup>nd</sup> time to Mary Frances Madeira<sup>606</sup> in Sonoma County, California.

*"The petition of Harry Truitt, numerously signed by citizens, petitioning the Board to appoint him Nightwatchman was read by the Clerk.*

*The petition of W.W. Cook, numerously signed by citizens, petitioning the Board to appoint him Nightwatchman was read by the Clerk.*

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<sup>605</sup> Daughter of Meriwether E. Whitlock and Sophia Burgner

<sup>606</sup> Daughter of George David Madeira Sr. and Louisa Eleanor Mitchell

*J. S. Young, in an appropriate speech, placed the name of A. Noble in nomination for the position of Nightwatchman.*

*On motion the office of Nightwatchman was declared vacant and the Board proceeded with the election of a new watchman, with the following result:*

*First ballot —Truitt, 2; Cook, 1; Noble, 2.*

*Second ballot—Truitt, 2; Cook, 1; Noble, 2.*

*Third ballot—Truitt, 2; Cook, 2; Noble, 1.*

*Fourth ballot —Truitt, 3; Cook, 0; Noble, 2.*

*President Young declared H. Truitt, duly elected.*<sup>607</sup>

*“Last Saturday evening about 10 o’clock a number of drunken Italians congregated at the boarding house near the depot and made night hideous with the wild howls and drunken orgies. They were painting the interior of the hotel a beautiful crimson when Harry Truitt, our wide-awake Deputy Marshal and nightwatchman, took his cue and stalked in upon the scene. The floor was covered with broken bottles and furniture and the sunny sons of Italy were hammering away at each other with more force than science. One Italian was nearly stripped of his clothing having nothing upon his person but one undergarment and a pair of socks. Truitt immediately called a stay of proceedings and ushered two of the belligerents, S. Particelli and D. Marchesio, to the City cooler, where they lay in durance vile until Monday morning, when they plead guilty and paid a fine of \$8.00 each.”*<sup>608</sup>

*“The Democratic District Convention of Mendocino township met Saturday and nominated J.T. Coffman and John Price for justices of the peace, James Hooten and Harry Truitt for constables, and Fred Phillips for road overseer.”*<sup>609</sup>

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<sup>607</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> May 1890

<sup>608</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1890

<sup>609</sup> Sonoma Democrat 6<sup>th</sup> September 1890

*“Deputy Marshal Truitt has “under his watchful eye and irony wing” a chain gang of three men, who are serving a sentence of four days of labor for drunkenness, cleaning up the streets.”<sup>610</sup>*

*“One of the prisoners on the chain in charge of Officer Truitt escaped and, as yet, has not been seen since search was made for the vagabond.”<sup>611</sup>*

*“John Galligar was arrested Sunday morning by Officer Truitt for drunkenness. He plead guilty in Judge Coffman’s court and paid the flue of \$8 imposed upon him.”<sup>612</sup>*

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register living in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Drayman.

*“Harry Truitt dug up a can full of money while at work on the lawn grounds near the San Francisco & North Pacific railway depot yesterday, but on removing the cover from the can and emptying out the contents he discovered that his find was counterfeit dollars of 1889 and 1890 coinage. The spurious money had a very good cast, but the milling was far from being perfect.”<sup>613</sup>*

In 1898, he is found on the Voter Register living in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Drayman. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California working as a Day Laborer. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in San Francisco Assembly District 37 working as a In Shop Carpenter. On the 19<sup>th</sup> July 1922, he passed away in San Francisco, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

## Obituary<sup>614</sup>

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<sup>610</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 18<sup>th</sup> September 1890

<sup>611</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 25<sup>th</sup> September 1890

<sup>612</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1890

<sup>613</sup> Sonoma Democrat 16<sup>th</sup> December 1893

<sup>614</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 20<sup>th</sup> July 1922

Harry Truitt former well known Healdsburg passed away this week in the city and his remains will be brought here Saturday morning for interment; The Knights of Pythias of which order he was a member are to meet the remains which will come in on the Eureka express and will take the body to the cemetery where it will be interred with the honors of the order. Deceased is a brother of John and Roland Truitt, He was a great lover of horseflesh.

He came to California by ox team in the days of forty nine and took up mining in the American river canyon, After a residence in Texas he returned to Sonoma County to make his home, settling in this section. He was married to Mary Madeira who survives him together with three children. Mrs. Eva Springer, Shirley and Jess Truitt.

The family had made their home in San Francisco for the past fifteen years.

### **Obituary<sup>615</sup>**

Another of the thinning ranks of California's empire-builders dropped by the wayside Wednesday when Harry Truitt, one of the earliest of the pioneers of the state, passed away in San Francisco. Deceased came to this state by ox team from Missouri with his brother, Roland K. Truitt, and joined the Argonauts of '49 in the mining country of the American river canyon.

Removing to Texas, they later returned about the time the bitter civil war ended, and came to Sonoma county. Settling in the Healdsburg section, they engaged in stock raising, ranging cattle and sheep throughout this district and over to the Sonoma coast.

He married Mary Madeira, member of a pioneer Healdsburg family, and she, with three children, Mrs. Eva Springer, Shirley M. and Jess Truitt, survive him.

Deceased was a native of Missouri, aged 74 years.

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<sup>615</sup> Healdsburg Tribune 20<sup>th</sup> July 1922

The funeral is to be held here from the 10:32 a.m. train, with services at the cemetery in charge of Friendship lodge, Knights of Pythias. Mr. Truitt was a member of Golden West lodge of San Francisco.

Mr. Truitt, after many years of residence in this section, removed to San Francisco about 15 years ago and made his home there until death claimed him.

### **Constable Roland Keithley Truitt**

Roland Keithley Truitt was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1841 in Danville, Montgomery County, Texas. *“When but a child, his parents moved near Hannibal, Missouri, and there resided until the spring of 1849, in which year they emigrated to California, making the journey by ox-teams across the plains, the time occupied being five months and eighteen days. Their first location was Mormon Island, where they remained until the Fall of 1851, when they returned to Texas and farmed until the Spring of 1856, at which time they came back to California and settled about seven miles from Petaluma, after which he left his parents and went to work for wages and remained in Sonoma County until March, 1860, when, in company with an aunt and family, went to Texas, and in the following September accompanied his uncle, E. R. Moffett, to the State of Iowa to purchase horses, and returned the same Fall to Texas.”*<sup>616</sup> When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Willow Creek, Limestone County, Texas working as a Laborer. *“In 1861, 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 Calvary, in which he served until October 31, 1865, and was mustered out under General Custer, commanding the army at San Antonio, Texas. He then returned to the place of his birth, Danville, Montgomery*

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<sup>616</sup> Information from Ancestry.com

*County, Texas.” On the 26<sup>th</sup> December 1866, he married Sina Gentry Brooks<sup>617</sup>. “On May 10, 1868, he again started to California, accompanied by his wife and one child, and arrived in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1868.”<sup>618</sup> When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Salt Point, Sonoma County, California working as a Rancher.*

*“Roland K. Truitt has resigned the position of Road Master of this district, and T.W. Hudson has been appointed in his stead.”<sup>619</sup>*

*“Appointed- By telegraph we learn that Rowland K. Truitt has been appointed postmaster at Mercuryville, Sonoma County, California.”<sup>620</sup>*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Cloverdale, Sonoma County, California working as a Rancher.

*“There appear to be three candidates for Constable, Mendocino township, and we invite attention to their cards elsewhere in this paper. Lester Gale, the first one to hand in his card, everyone knows. In old times he was one of our popular meat-market men and is now in business at the southwest corner of the Plaza. In many duties he has been called upon to perform as a society man, he has always been zealous and signally successful. As a constable he would not be otherwise. Mr. Rowland Truitt ought to be equally well known. His father was for many years Road-master of this Township, and in fact the son followed the father in that capacity two terms. He is a man well-known for his unflinching fidelity to duty, under all circumstances. Mr. John Sewell, our Watchman, gets but a scanty support for "his family from his salary, and could he combine the few small constable's fees, would get on quite comfortably. To him as an officer this city now owes, more than to anyone else its splendid condition of good order. Our good wishes go with all of the candidates; let the public decide.”<sup>621</sup>*

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<sup>617</sup> Daughter of Samuel Clifford Brooks and Elizabeth J. Tatum

<sup>618</sup> Information from Ancestry.com

<sup>619</sup> Russian River Flag 25<sup>th</sup> January 1872

<sup>620</sup> Sonoma Democrat 6<sup>th</sup> July 1878

<sup>621</sup> Russian River Flag 19<sup>th</sup> October 1882

*“Two young men were arrested last Monday night by Constable Truitt and placed in the custody of Marshal Norton who put them in the calaboose, as they were using loud and vulgar language and were supposed to be the persons who have been prowling about houses after night. One, on failing to be identified the next morning, was released on the Marshal thinking it the best manner to get rid of the other one, gave him a certain number of hours to leave town. If seen again they will be arrested under the vagrant act and sent below. The officers deserve much commendation for their promptness; and tramps and vags will avoid our city in consequence.”<sup>622</sup>*

*“Francisco Edalgo was arrested by Constable R.K. Truitt last Tuesday on a charge of grand larceny entered by a Spaniard who lives in Knights’ Valley canyon. Edalgo is accused of ostensibly borrowing the horse and afterwards obtaining \$50 on him as a loan, leaving the horse at King’s stables. The case was set for 11 A.M. today, but will be postponed on an account of the funeral.”<sup>623</sup>*

*“On Saturday about midnight, Constables Truitt and Jones arrived from Healdsburg, bringing with them William Barrom who was locked up on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.*

*It seems that, some time since, Barrom went to Healdsburg from San Francisco and entered the employ of Moore & Seawell as cutter in their market, but as he indulged rather freely in intoxicants, he was discharged about three weeks ago, and since that time has had no regular employment. He claimed to have lost a knife and steel, and has said considerable about the firm which had employed him purloining it, so that the best of feeling did not exist between them. On Saturday afternoon, being under the influence of liquor, Barrom and another man called George, kept passing up and down the street in front of the market, whooping and yelling. The annoyance was so great that J.W. Seawell stepped out and asked Barrom what it meant. Barrom responded that it was not meant for him, and added in a sneering tone, “Perhaps you don’t like it.” Seawell replied that he did not like it and it must be stopped. Words followed and the lie passed, and Seawell*

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<sup>622</sup> Russian River Flag 6<sup>th</sup> December 1883

<sup>623</sup> Russian River Flag 13<sup>th</sup> December 1883

*struck Barrom over the mouth with his open hand. At this instant a customer went into the market and Seawell went in to wait on him, and as he was weighing the meat, Barrom entered the shop, picked up a square three pound mallet and threw it at Seawell, striking him just over the right eye, fracturing the skull, and rendering him insensible. Barrom then lied and pursued by quite a number of citizens, was captured in an orchard about a mile east of Healdsburg, and was brought to the county jail as above stated, we are informed, from fear of mob law in case Mr. Seawell does not recover.*

*James W. Seawell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Seawell of this city, and has resided for many years in Healdsburg and is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of that town. Emmet Seawell visited him as soon as the intelligence reached here, and informs us that it is impossible to tell the extent of the injury at this time. Seawell is a very strong, healthy man, and, if inflammation does not set in, he will ultimately recover, his condition being considered favorable. W.N. Seawell is at present in Healdsburg.”<sup>624</sup>*

*“The City election will be held one week from Monday, May 12th, and as yet only one candidate comes to the front. R.K. Truitt announces himself as candidate for Marshal, and if elected will no doubt prove an efficient officer.”<sup>625</sup>*

*“Wm. Sanborn and Constable Truitt, of Healdsburg, arrived here, on Thursday morning, in search of a couple of men who relieved Mr. Sanborn’s till of \$35 on Wednesday night. The men were in the saloon, and, while Mr. Sanborn stepped into an adjoining apartment to wait on a customer they went through the till.”<sup>626</sup>*

*“Roland Truitt has announced himself as a candidate for constable of Mendocino township.”<sup>627</sup>*

*“Sheriff Bishop elevated our fellow townsman, Rolland K. Truitt, by appointing him a Deputy Sheriff last Wednesday.”<sup>628</sup>*

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<sup>624</sup> Sonoma Democrat 19<sup>th</sup> January 1884

<sup>625</sup> Russian River Flag 1<sup>st</sup> May 1884

<sup>626</sup> Sonoma Democrat 19<sup>th</sup> July 1884

<sup>627</sup> Sonoma Democrat 1<sup>st</sup> November 1884

<sup>628</sup> Sonoma Democrat 5<sup>th</sup> June 1886



*“CANDIDATES NOMINATED. At the 2 o’clock mass meeting James E. Fenno was nominated for Justice and R.K. Truitt for Constable; J.P. Price, Justice, and J.S. Bell, Constable, for Ivy creek precinct.”<sup>629</sup>*

*“On Monday S.P. May insulted the daughter of Frank Crocker, and Mr. Crocker and his son, Frank Crocker, Jr., assaulted May. During the assault May drew a pocket-knife and cut Mr. Crocker in the abdomen. May was arrested by Deputy Sheriff R.K. Truitt and charged with assault with a deadly weapon. May then had both the Crocker’s arrested on a charge of assault and battery. Frank Crocker, Sr., had his trial yesterday, and Frank Crocker, Jr., had his trial set for today at 1 o’clock p.m. Capt. L.A. Norton defended Crocker, Sr., and City Attorney Cochran prosecuted the case, before a jury. The jury, after being out several hours, returned a verdict of not guilty. The preliminary examination of May will be had today at 11 o’clock.”<sup>630</sup>*

*“On Sunday evening three young men, ranging in age from 18 to 20 years, were arrested for breaking into the room and trunk of a student in the Advent College, named N.R. Steward. Young Ward confessed the crime, and implicated two young men named Daniels and Wilkins. On Tuesday, after waiting nearly two days for commitment papers from Santa Rosa, Ward was placed on trial, and, through the technicalities of the law (?) he was discharged, even after he had owned up and his confession to R.K. Truitt, the arresting officer, was rehearsed by Mr. Truitt on the witness stand. There was no one to present the case, either the District Attorney nor his Deputy putting in an appearance. The other two boys were discharged, and the farce ended. The amount of money taken was \$20 from Steward, but Ward had placed \$35 in Steward’s hands for safe keeping, this was also taken. There is some talk of having them arrested and filed for burglary next time. It is time an example was made in this section, as the murder of the Patton boy shows we have some bad boys among us.”<sup>631</sup>*

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<sup>629</sup> Sonoma Democrat 16<sup>th</sup> October 1886

<sup>630</sup> Russian River Flag 17<sup>th</sup> November 1886

<sup>631</sup> Sonoma Democrat 18<sup>th</sup> December 1886

*“Gus Story, alias Wilson, a coachman, who says that he “knows a pretty girl when he sees one,” was arrested to-day by Constable Truitt, of Healdsburg, on a charge of abduction preferred by John Wolff, a teamster of Healdsburg. He charges Story with having abducted Minnie, his 16-year-old daughter. The hackman claims that he met the girl in Santa Rosa while he was working in that burg, about six weeks ago. According to his story he “mashed” her and they became intimate in a short time. He induced her to remain with him for a few days and then sent her home to her parents. About a week later he came to this city and obtained employment as a hackdriver at the terminus of the Haight street road. Subsequently the girl ran away from home and followed her lover to this city. He said Unit she pleaded with him to allow her to remain with him, but he insisted that she should return to her parents, and sent her home.”<sup>632</sup>*

*“Mr. Roland Truitt announces his withdrawal as candidate for City Marshal.”<sup>633</sup>*

*“R.K. Truitt is candidate for Constable of Mendocino Township on the American ticket. Mr. Truitt has made a good officer in the past, and is always ready and willing to serve the people. He will draw many votes from all the parties.*

*At a meeting of the American club, of Healdsburg, held Oct. 8, 1888, the following candidates were nominated to fill municipal offices: For Constable, R.K. Truitt and Warren Palmer; Justice of the Peace, E.G. Hall and A.W. Baker.”<sup>634</sup>*

In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

*“For Marshal there were three candidates—J.B. Leard, R.K. Truitt and Dan Reardon. Mr. Leard was elected by a large majority.”<sup>635</sup>*

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<sup>632</sup> Sonoma Democrat 12<sup>th</sup> November 1887

<sup>633</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 4<sup>th</sup> April 1888

<sup>634</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 17<sup>th</sup> October 1888

<sup>635</sup> Sonoma Democrat 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1892

*“Old residents say that rattlesnakes have never been so numerous in this neighborhood as now. R.K. Truitt recently killed eleven in one day on his ranch eighteen miles from this place.”<sup>636</sup>*

*“Healdsburg was thrown into a state of excitement Monday evening by the shooting of J.W. Rose by R.K. Truitt while in the post office and the building crowded with people. It is stated that there has existed an old time enmity between Rose and Truitt and was primarily the cause of the shooting. The immediate cause, as nearly as can be learned, was that Rose accused Truitt of insulting his family.*

*Monday evening about seven o’clock while numbers of people were awaiting the distributing of the mail Rose walked into the post office and struck Truitt, who was talking with a friend, in the face and was preparing to follow it up when Truitt pulled a pistol from his pocket. Before he could shoot, however, Rose had clinched with Truitt and thrown him to the floor, and while Rose was bending over him Truitt shot three times, two of the shots taking effect. One entered the shoulder just in front of the left armpit and was taken out at the back, the ball having gone clear through the shoulder and lodged against the scapula. This was the more serious wound of the two. The second shot bit Rose a little to one side of the left nipple; glancing on a rib, the bullet went in the direction of the shoulder and did no particular harm, more than making painful wound.*

*Dr. Weaver, who is attending Mr. Rose, was talked to by a Democrat reporter last evening and said that Rose was resting easily, that he did not apprehend that he was in any great danger and that he would probably recover.*

*Rose claims that Truitt had used insulting language to his daughter, and furthermore that he had intentionally run against her on the sidewalk. Truitt, on the other hand, says that the difficulty began a long time ago. He is the owner of the theater, and that at a political meeting Miss Rose so interfered with it that he was obliged to take her out of the building. He also denies having crowded her on the sidewalk. He was with some ladies on the street, and in passing accidentally*

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<sup>636</sup> Sonoma Democrat 13<sup>th</sup> July 1895

*brushed against her, for which he apologized, and he thinks Miss Rose intentionally collided with him and afterwards need hard language to him.*

*Attorney J.W. Rose had been in Santa Rosa on legal business all day Monday and on his return in the evening the incident was related to him; he went down to the post office for his mail after supper when he encountered Truitt which ended in the fight as before recounted. Both are well known citizens of Healdsburg and old-time residents of Sonoma County.*

*Truitt only a few months ago was remarried to his wife Sarah E. Truitt after a separation of ten years, the ceremony being performed at the Grand Hotel in this city.”<sup>637</sup>*

*“J.W. Rose, the Healdsburg lawyer who was shot by R.K. Truitt in a quarrel recently, is reported to be getting well. He has been put under arrest for battery. Truitt claims Rose struck him first.”<sup>638</sup>*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Center Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as the Proprietor of a Theater. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Sherman Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as the Proprietor of a Theater. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home on Second Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Watchman at a Packing House. When the 1930 Census was taken he is making his home on First Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 18<sup>th</sup> May 1930, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, California.

## **Obituary<sup>639</sup>**

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<sup>637</sup> Sonoma Democrat 4<sup>th</sup> January 1896

<sup>638</sup> Sonoma Democrat 11<sup>th</sup> January 1896

<sup>639</sup> Sotoyome Scimitar 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1930

*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 here. 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.*

*Shortly 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 1878 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.*

## Nightwatchman William Riley Truitt

William Riley Truitt was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1844 near Hannibal, Ralls County, Missouri to James Hayden Truitt and Paulina J. Hostetter. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Salt Point, Sonoma County, California working as a Rancher.

*“William Truitt will be on duty as Night Watchman. This is something very much needed, and we doubt not “Billy” will be wide awake during the boars of his watch.”<sup>640</sup>*

*“Wm. Truitt has resigned his position as Night Watchman to John Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds has the reputation of being faithful to every trust, and the citizens may be assured he will be an efficient officer.”<sup>641</sup>*

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1871, he married Margaret Frances Ball<sup>642</sup> in Sonoma County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Fitch Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. On the 7<sup>th</sup> October 1881, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### Obituary<sup>643</sup>

*In Healdsburg, Oct. 7, 1881, Wm. R. Truitt, aged 37 years.*

*The funeral service was held at the M.E. Church South on Saturday last, a large concourse of friends paying their last respects with their presence. Rev. J.G. Shelton, who came all the way from Petaluma for the purpose, made the closing remarks, from which we quote the following:*

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<sup>640</sup> Russian River Flag 6<sup>th</sup> April 1871

<sup>641</sup> Russian River Flag 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1871

<sup>642</sup> Daughter of Early Ball and Clementine House

<sup>643</sup> Russian River Flag 13<sup>th</sup> October 1881

*Wm. Riley Truitt was born in Rolls county near Hannibal, Mo., Feb. 13, 1844. He came to this country with his parents in 1849, and remained in California two years; went to Texas but came back with his parents in 1855, they settling at that time in the vicinity of Healdsburg. Was married in June, 1871, to Miss Margaret F. Ball; was taken sick in Sept. three years ago; professed a saving faith in Christ and joined the M.E. Church South May, 1880; was confined to his bed for ten months, and had to be watched for more than six months. He bore it all with strong hope of eternal bliss,—and finally fell asleep in Christ. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Gafney of the M. E. Church.*

*Mr. Shelton also thanked these kind young men who had attended the deceased so faithfully, and the generous community for what had been done, commending the widow and orphans to their care.*

*The deceased was one of the young men raised in this community, and well-known to us personally, and by his industry and upright habits ever occupied a place of respect among the people. The disease which took him off, (consumption) was the result of over-work and exposure, and his sufferings just before and through his long spell of sickness have been great, and the trials to his young family very severe. He leaves a wife and three small children His father, Jas. Truitt died about fifteen years ago, and mother a year ago. Eight brothers and sisters remain, most of them residing in this vicinity.*

## **Special Police Frank Vitousek**

Frank Vitousek was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1864 in Prague, Austria. In 1882, he immigrated from Bavaria/Germany to the United States. On the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1887, he enlisted in Company D, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of the California National Guard. On the 29<sup>th</sup> October 1887, he reenlisted in the same unit of the National Guard. On the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1888, he naturalized while in Stanislaus, California. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Berryvale, Siskiyou County, California working as a Shoemaker. On the 30<sup>th</sup> June

1889, he married Luella M. Arnold<sup>644</sup> in Shasta County, California. In 1896, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Hotel Keeper.

*“An orchestra of seven pieces has been organized by Frank Vitousek and at Truitt.’s hall every Saturday evening it will furnish music for a cotillion. No admission will be charged anyone at the door, but the gentlemen who dance will be taxed fifty cents.”<sup>645</sup>*

In 1898, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 2, Sonoma County, California working as a Shoemaker.

*“F. Vitousek, special police \$3.00.”<sup>646</sup>*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Matheson Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Shoemaker.

*“Frank Vitousek, the popular shoe dealer, is about to make some extensive improvements in the interior of his store. The shelving is to be raised higher, and a bicycle ladder placed in position. A neat reception room for ladies and gentlemen will also be an addition, and the interior will be much improved. “Yes,” said Mr. Vitousek, “I am glad that I removed from Oakland and established myself in Healdsburg, where my business has always been fairly good. I am pleased to state that it is steadily increasing.”<sup>647</sup>*

When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on North Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as the Proprietor of a Shoe Store. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home at 151 Matheson Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Shoe Retail Merchant. When the 1930 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as the Proprietor of his Boot and Shoe Store. On the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1945, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He

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<sup>644</sup> Daughter of Peter West Arnold and Emeline Cochran

<sup>645</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 25<sup>th</sup> June 1896

<sup>646</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> August 1899

<sup>647</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1902



was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### Obituary<sup>648</sup>

DIED in Healdsburg, Feb. 20, Frank Vitousek, loving father of Roy A. Vitousek of Honolulu, Mrs. Helen V. Brown of Los Angeles; brother of Charles Vitousek of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. A native .of Bohemia, aged 80 years, 10 months, 16 days. Friends are invited to attend the funeral services Friday morning, Feb. 23, at 11 o'clock at the chapel of Fred Young & Co., Rev. Moffat Dennis officiating. Interment Oak Mound Cemetery.

### Special Police Frank Whitson

Frank Whitson was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1858 in California to James Edward Whitson and Nancy Maria Barnhill. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Ophir, Butte County, California. In about 1878, he married Olive P. Robertson<sup>649</sup>. In 1879, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Petaluma, Sonoma County, California working as a Boatman. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on 2<sup>nd</sup> street in Petaluma, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Petaluma, Sonoma County, California working as an Engineer. In 1892, he is found on the Washington State Census making his home in Klickitat County, Washington. In 1898, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as an Engineer.

*"Applications for the position of night watchman were received from George Seawell and Frank Whitson. Ballot resulted in three votes for Seawell and one for Whitson. Mr. Seawell was declared elected."*<sup>650</sup>

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<sup>648</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1945

<sup>649</sup> Daughter of Samuel Robertson and Sarah Ann Lavalley

<sup>650</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> June 1899

*"F. Whitson, special police \$3.00."*<sup>651</sup>

*"Frank Whitson, engineer at Scatena's winery, went to the city Sunday afternoon. A couple of strands of the wire rope used to run the grape crusher broke Saturday, and it was necessary to take the rope to the city to repair it. He returned Monday evening, and the crusher resumed work Tuesday morning."*<sup>652</sup>

*"James Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitson, formerly of Healdsburg, died at Delmar, Shasta county, on December 2d of tonsillitis. The boy was aged 7 years, 8 months and 10 days. The body was brought to Healdsburg Tuesday for interment."*<sup>653</sup>

When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Chestnut Street in Redding, Shasta County, California working as a Laborer on the Power Line. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Delta, Shasta County, California working as a Station Engineer for a Box Factory. When the 1930 Census was taken he is making his home in Mott, Siskiyou County, California working as a Laborer doing Odd Jobs. When the 1940 Census was taken he is making his home in Redding, Shasta County, California. On the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1942, he passed away in Shasta County, California. He was laid to rest in Redding Memorial Park in Redding, Shasta County, California.

## **Special Police Joseph Quinn Winder**

Joseph Quinn Winder was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1847 in Newhaven, Sussex, England to Edward Winder II and Mary Hutchins. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Cloverdale, Sonoma County, California working as a Farm Laborer. On the 16<sup>th</sup> February 1872, he naturalized as a U.S. Citizen in San Francisco, California. On the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1878, he married Eliza Ellen Englehart<sup>654</sup> in Sonoma County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is

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<sup>651</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 10<sup>th</sup> August 1899

<sup>652</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 28<sup>th</sup> September 1899

<sup>653</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 6<sup>th</sup> December 1900

<sup>654</sup> Daughter of James Englehart and Hannah Hill

making his home in Cloverdale, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter.

*“Joseph Winder, Special Police \$2.00.”<sup>655</sup>*

In 1888, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.

*“Joe Winder will begin the erection, on Monday next, of a neat cottage on his lot on Hayden street. In the spring he expects to add other buildings to his large lot, anticipating a run at the Magnolia Cannery next season that will require his residences to accommodate those who wish buildings to occupy while employed in the Magnolia Cannery.”<sup>656</sup>*

In 1892, he is found on the Voter Register making his home in Healdsburg No. 2, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Matheson Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Farm Laborer. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Hayden Street in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. On the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1915, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### **Obituary<sup>657</sup>**

Peritonitis caused the death Monday evening of Joseph Winder, who had been a resident of Healdsburg for twenty-eight years. Mr. Winder was a carpenter by trade, but had retired from active labor a number of years ago. He lived in Geyserville before coming to Healdsburg. He was born in England, and was sixty-eight years old the day before his death. He had been a resident of California nearly fifty years.

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<sup>655</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 9<sup>th</sup> May 1888

<sup>656</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1888

<sup>657</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 8<sup>th</sup> July 1915

The funeral was held yesterday from his late residence on Hayden street, the services being conducted by the Rev. J.W. Riedeman, pastor of the Methodist church. Music was rendered by the choir from the church. Mr. Winder is survived by his wife Eliza E. Winder.

### **John Frederick Franz Grater**

John Frederick Franz Grater was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1836 in Buchenbach, Wurttemberg, Germany. He immigrated on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1855 on board the Sailing Vessel Helvetia that left from Havre, France. From 1855 to 1859, he resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania then coming to California. In 1865, he married Catherine<sup>658</sup> in Sonoma County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Hotel Keeper. On the 16<sup>th</sup> August 1871, he naturalized as a U.S. Citizen at the Santa Rosa Court House in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

*“John F. Grater, for feeling prisoners, \$26.25”<sup>659</sup>*

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<sup>658</sup> Born in County Donegal, Ireland coming to America in 1857

<sup>659</sup> Russian River Flag 5<sup>th</sup> February 1880

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on West Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Hotel Keeper.

*"J.F. Grater, meals for prisoners, 18.00"*<sup>660</sup>

On the 25<sup>th</sup> November 1894, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg.

### **Obituary**<sup>661</sup>

*Sunday night at 9 o'clock John F. Grater passed over the dark divide and thus a useful life and a spotless career has closed.*

*His death was the result of blood poisoning and was expected from about a week after the second amputation was performed upon his left leg. From that time on he was delirious at times and this condition was only too evident that the finale was not far distant. When he rallied from those spells his mind was perfectly clear, he would speak freely and intelligibly and suffered no pain from the effects of the surgery he underwent. On Sunday morning his loss of senses vanished and he was brighter than the day before, convalescence seemingly approaching. He drank his coffee with relish and talked hopefully of recovering. But at 1 o'clock in the afternoon he again sank into a stupor which lasted for about five hours. He then was very weak and spoke very little, however he recognized all who were at his bedside.*

*From that time till 9 o'clock when he breathed his last breath of life he was perfectly conscious and no pain troubled him. He was frequently questioned and replied comprehensively. At his bedside when his lips were sealed in death were his devoted wife, his faithful friend, Henry Boyle, who attended him all during his confinement to bed, and a few others.*

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<sup>660</sup> Healdsburg Enterprise 9<sup>th</sup> October 1889

<sup>661</sup> Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar 29<sup>th</sup> November 1894

*The news of Mr. Grater's demise flew throughout the community in a few hours and many friends gathered about the Union Hotel, where the remains were lying, and the place was crowded till late by a saddened throng.*

*It was more than a year ago when Mr. Grater's affliction became of great annoyance to him, but he did not realize that it would be chronic. From walking about excessively his left foot became ulcerated. He applied various things, but none seemed to have effect. A few months ago he realized the seriousness of his affliction and secured the services of a physician who attended him some time, but it was an incurable case and medical aid was all to no purpose. Dr. Coffman was afterward consulted and also Dr. Swisher and on the 26th day of last month they concluded that there was only one hope to save Mr. Grater's life and that was by amputation of the diseased foot. When this was told to Mr. Grater he was very much downcast, but submissive, and conceived the circumstances which surrounded him. He promptly consented to having the surgery done and a few hours later the foot was amputated above the ankle by Drs. Coffman, Swisher and Nye. When the influence of the opiate wore away and the patient came to be rested easy and to all appearances was in no agony from the operation.*

*For several days Mr. Grater was doing well and his physicians were much pleased with the improvement he was making, however they at no time expressed any conclusive belief to how the ease would terminate.*

*About two weeks later symptoms of the of the spreading of the disease became visible and it was no longer a question that another amputation was necessary, Mr. Grater was apprised of this and he readily consented. On the 14th of this month the same corps of physicians performed the second operation and they manifested considerable hope then that he would rally. The limb was taken off near the knee and all of the diseased tissue was removed. Tins operation he endured remarkably and it was the opinion that speedy improvement would follow. For four or five days he rested easy, slept well and look the nourishing edibles with significant appetite. His condition then took an unfavorable turn, he became delirious now and then and this condition was unchanged up to the time that death came. All Healdsburg mourns the loss of one of its best citizens, whose*

*love for his home was unfaltering and whose labor for the welfare of this city has been conscientious and fruitful. Mr. Grater was a pioneer and conducted the first hotel Healdsburg had. He was one of the oldest hotel-keepers in the State and by close application and economical management he amassed a fortune. He invested his earnings in town property and built the Union Hotel and many other buildings in the business quarters and private streets. Mr. Grater was the largest property owner in Healdsburg and he took great pride in keeping its appearance neat and cheerful. John F. Grater was born in Germany on the 28th day of June, 1836. He was 19 years of age when he came to America and settled in Philadelphia. During the early days when California's rich lands became famous he migrated to this State and settled in Napa City where he resided for a brief period and filled the position of waiter in a hotel. He came to Healdsburg from Napa City and here he made his home continuously until his dissolution.*

*Mr. Grater leaves a loving wife and several nephews and nieces who live in different parts of California. In his native country three sisters survive him.*

*From early morning until the hour of burial yesterday the parlor where the remains were lying was crowded by sorrowing people who came to give a last look upon their dead friend and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon the obsequies were held, during which the business places were closed out of respect to the deceased. The funeral was under escort of the I.O.O.F. order, of which Mr. Grater was an honored member, and the funeral was one of the longest ever witnessed in Healdsburg.*

*There is profound sympathy for the widow of Mr. Grater and she is receiving consolation from everyone in her bereavement.*