

An Old Time <sup>Sell</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>City</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>Coaling</sup>  
Grinnellian Dies  
In California

9 - 5 - 1935

(By W. G. RAY)

I have received notice of the death of Mrs. Emma A. Utley at Sebastopol, Calif., January 26 at the age of 85 years.

Mrs. Utley was born in Madison county, New York, Nov. 3, 1850, and moved to Grinnell, Ia., with her parents in 1855. In 1870 she was united in marriage with George Utley and afterwards removed to California. Mrs. Utley has been a long time correspondent to The Herald and has contributed many items of interest, and many readers of The Herald will be sad to learn of her death. She is worthy of a longer story than this and I have no doubt we will receive it.

At the time of receiving the notice no funeral arrangement had been made.

The following notice was taken from a California paper and evidently was sent to the paper from Alameda.

"Sebastopol, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Emma A. Utley, 85, died this afternoon at her home near Hessel station, following an illness of five years. She was born in Eaton, Madison county, New York, November 3, 1850, moving with her parents to Grinnell, Iowa in 1855.

"She was married to George Utley in 1870 and came to California. They celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary shortly before Mr. Utley's death in 1932. The Utleys had resided on the ranch south of Sebastopol for twenty-nine years and had a wide acquaintance in this vicinity.

"Surviving members of Mrs. Utley's family are a daughter, Mrs. E. A. Coop of Magnet, Nebraska. George F. Utley of San Diego, Arthur J. Utley of Alameda, Charles A. Utley of Sacramento, ten grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren."

(George)

**Emma A. Utley,  
Pioneer Grinnell  
Resident, Passes**

2-15-1935

Former Life Long Friend of The  
Herald and Frequent Contributor  
Joins the Great Majority

(From The Sebastopol Times)

Mrs. Emma A. Utley, widely known resident of Hessel, died Saturday, January 29, in the home where she had spent the last 25 years of her life. One of the earliest as well as most beloved residents of that section, her passing is keenly felt by the community.

Mrs. Utley was born in Eaton, Madison county, N. Y., November 3, 1850. She was the daughter of Alva P. Cook and his wife, Emeline Allen Cook. In 1855 she moved with her parents to Grinnell, Iowa, and grew to womanhood in that vicinity.

Prior to her marriage to George Utley, which occurred on November 24, 1870, she taught school for three years. The couple celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary a short time before Mr. Utley's death, which occurred on February 11, 1932.

From Iowa Mr. and Mrs. Utley moved to Nebraska where they lived for several years. In 1905 they came to California, residing first in Petaluma, and later for several years at Fredericks station.

Over 25 years ago they bought their Hessel home, where Mrs. Utley resided continuously ever since.

Surviving members of Mrs. Utley's family are a daughter, Mrs. E. A. Cook of Magnet, Nebraska, George E. Utley of San Diego, Arthur J. Utley of Alameda, Charles A. Utley of Sacramento, 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the O'Leary parlor at 10:30 Tuesday morning, with Rev. James H. Phillips officiating.

Following the service here, the body was taken to Oakland for cremation.