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## An Obituary Of 11-27 1931 J. W. Proctor

(From the Thurlow, Calif. Journal)

John Wesley Proctor, a native of Ogdensburg, N. Y., passed away at his residence on South Broadway on Thursday evening, Nov. 5, following an extended illness. He was aged 78 years, six months and seven days at the time of passing.

Proctor left New York in 1865, moving with his parents to Grinnell, Iowa, where he remained until 1900, coming to California at that time.

He located first at Corning, where he made his residence for 11 years prior to moving to Modesto where he lived two years. He then purchased a tract near Denair which he farmed 11 years before disposing of his interests and going to Santa Cruz for one year.

Proctor returned to this city five and one-half years ago, making his home here since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Proctor were married at Grinnell, Iowa, on July 4, 1892. They celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary in Turlock in July of this year.

Deceased is survived by his widow, Nettie S. Proctor, of Turlock; three sons, John W. Proctor Jr., of Big Oak Flat, Calif., Henry S. Proctor of Modesto and Charles K. Proctor of Turlock; three daughters, Mrs. Lois Rowland of Sonora, Mrs. Miriam Wilder of Oakland and Mrs. J. E. Kinser of Denair; two brothers, George A. Proctor of Long Beach and Charles L. Proctor of Mill Valley, Calif.; one sister, Dr. Taylor of Cleveland, Ohio; and ten grandchildren. He was preceded by one son, Myron Proctor, who died here in 1928.

Funeral services will take place from the J. W. Guy Funeral Chapel on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 7, at 2:00 o'clock with the Christian Science Church in charge. Interment will be made in the Turlock cemetery.

## Appreciation Of J. W. Proctor

We noted with more than usual interest and regret in Tuesday's paper the death of John W. Proctor who passed away November 5th at Corning, Calif. The senior of the Herald came to Grinnell in 1875 and in 1876 George Proctor and John Proctor rented the tract of land on the old state road just across the road from W. O. Willard's and we were very well acquainted with these two young men.

The Proctors had come from Ogdensburg, New York, two or three years before and had located on a farm near Mt. Pleasant church. The family had scattered and in the early seventies had moved, some of them to Grinnell and some to farms adjacent.

The Proctor boys were fine fellows. In fact the whole family were fine people and our associations with the two men for two or three years following the time they rented the farm on the state road were most pleasant. Cash rent in those days was \$3 an acre. Grain rent was one-half. The grain rent was sure but it was hard sometimes to get the money even at \$3 to pay cash for a farm at a period when oats were low and corn sold at a very low price.

There were two or three years not so fine, a little wet in the early season, delaying the growth of the corn and making it slow to pick and not especially a large crop when it ripened. The Proctor boys were industrious however and in a few years George had accumulated a little and went to Alta, Iowa, where he ran a lumber yard. John continued around Grinnell serving at various official tasks, one of which was night watchman for a time and then moved for a short period to Leadville, I think it was. The family grew up and scattered. Without going into detail I will say they made good and were considered generally prosperous. One by one

they have passed away and the writer is not sure at this moment whether John Proctor was the last of the race or not. Of course I could use the telephone and inquire after two others who have escaped my mind but I am taking this opportunity chiefly to say that John Proctor was a fine fellow, an honorable man who could be termed a hard worker and diligent in everything which he undertook.