

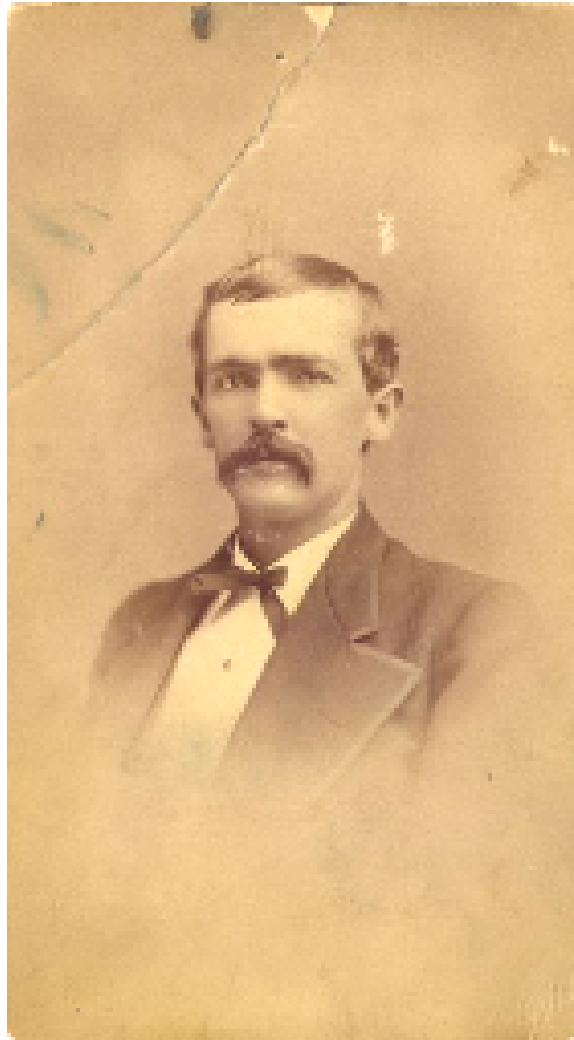
Book 7

Ezra Johnson "Jot" Travis
Hannah Dahl Travis

Hamilton, Eureka, Pioche
Nye County Records

Travis & Wilson Co. Stagecoach Company
Gilmer & Salisbury Stagecoach Company

Freighting Accident of John E. Sorensen
(Not the same family as Sheep Rancher Loyd Sorensen)



Ezra Johnson "Jot" Travis



Hannah Dahl Travis

Growing up in Eureka, Nevada as the 6th generation from immigrant grandparents on both sides of my grandmother's family, I know the family who lives in the house that my great, great grandparents owned, Daniel and Martha Gibson Morrison. Known as the Zadow/Morrison house on Atlas Hill, I discovered in the newspaper article about the death of Ezra "Jot" Travis that he had built the house and his family lived there when they lived in Eureka in the early 1870's. The family is listed in the 1875 Census report as living in Eureka. They also lived in Hamilton. For years, people have thought the house was built by a man named Wilson, who was connected to the mines somehow. Now I know the story. Wilson and Travis became partners in the stagecoach business.

This picture was found in the attic of the house and no one knew who the family was. From more photos shared with me from a descendant of Jot Travis's brother, Josiah Travis, I can see it is a picture of Jot and Hannah Travis and their child. They lost several children as infants, I'm not sure which child this was.



I need to ask if the picture could be taken out of the frame and another picture be taken with the phone for a better copy. I know the person who shared the photo with me that lives in the old house doesn't have a scanner, which is the best way to get copies of photos. I'm just amazed to have photos at all, and glad to be able to know more about their stories from newspaper stories, oral history from the great grand nephew I've been in touch with, and other types of records- like the tax assessments and deeds I found in the Nye County Historical Records on the Nye County Recorder's website.



Jot Travis from findagrave.com



Ezra Johnson "Jot" Travis

1843–1919 • LWMQ-8J6

Marriage: 7 January 1869

Helena, Lewis and Clark, Montana, United States



Hannah Pauline Dahl

1849–1892 • LWMQ-8V8

^ Children (7)



Wesley Elgin Travis

1870–1952 • KL66-L1J



Harvey Adalbert Travis

1872–1873 • KL66-GQV



Edna Pauline Travis

1874–1876 • KL66-G8S



Emma Belle Travis

1878–1896 • KL66-GVQ



Frederick Jottie Travis

1879–1894 • KL66-P7W



Hannah Lena Travis

1881–1959 • LWMQ-8FB



Albert Chester Travis

1883–1968 • KL66-564

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in The City of Hamilton, in the County of White Pine, State of Nevada, enumerated by me on the 14th day of June, 1870, 504

Post Office: Hamilton John Moran, Ass't Marshal.

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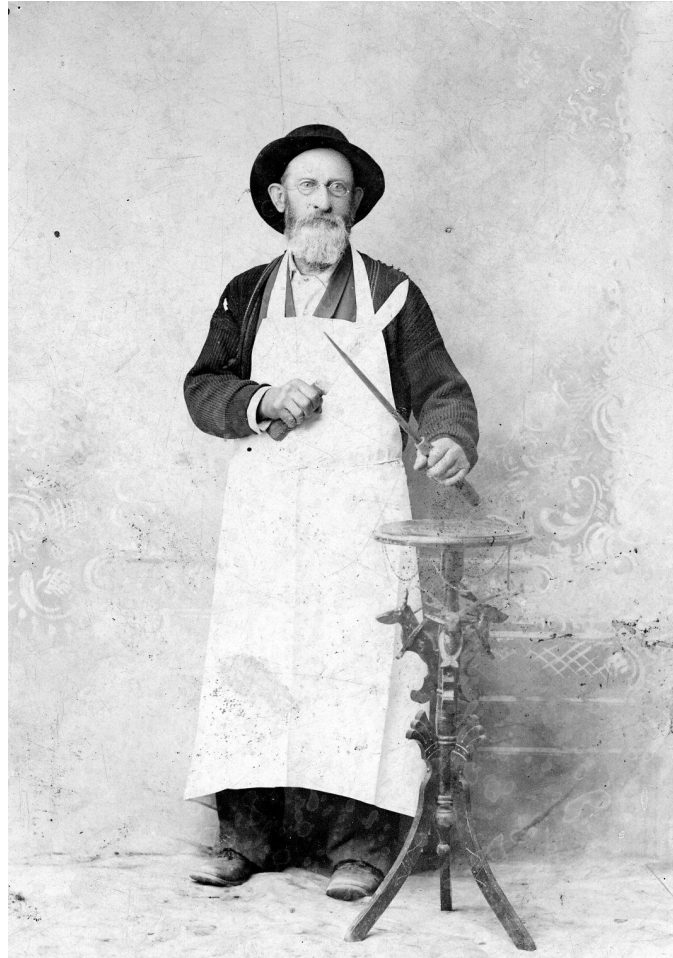
1870 Census Hamilton, Nevada

From a Eureka Sentinel, Eureka, Nevada, I learned that the house my great, great grandparents owned on Atlas Hill in Eureka, known as the Zadow/Morrison House, was built by Ezra Jot Travis.



The Zadow/Morrison House is on the Raine's Market Self-guided tour of Eureka. The picture was taken by Lee Raine. The house has been refurbished and was used as a bed and breakfast in the past, but is now a private residence.

My great grandmother had a photo of William Zadow, the man who owned the Meat Market and was the owner of the house on Knob Hill when my 2x great grandparents bought the house in the 1910's.



William Zadow

This is my great, great grandparents, Daniel and Martha Gibson Morrison at the house on Atlas Hill.



Daniel, a Scottish immigrant from St Ann's, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia in the 1870's was one of 3 partners in the Windfall Mine. Martha Gibson Morrison was an immigrant from Ireland. She came to Eureka in 1888 to tend the house for her 2 brothers who were working in the mines.

After selling the mine in 1909, Daniel bought the Brown Hotel in January 1910.





Within a few weeks in January of 1910, the Eureka County Bank was closed by Bank Regulators and the Eureka flood of 1910 wiped out the E&P railroad tracks. It was 2 years before the tracks were rebuilt & trains ran again.

In the 1870 Ely Times (Hamilton) newspapers, Travis & Wilson Company stages were running. That's where the Wilson comes in when people say the house was built by "Wilson", but it was Jot Travis who built the house. Wison was a partner.

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main race is over.

TRAVIS, WILSON & Co. have changed their stock to the White River route, by which they save a distance of 25 to 30 miles between Hamilton and Pioche City. This, in connection with new coaches and fresh horses, will enable them to make the trip in the shortest time possible. They have reduced rates of fare to such a figure that everybody can go or come. Stages leave Monday and Thursday, at 8 o'clock a. m., prompt. For freight or passage, apply to the agent, at the Dexter Stable office.

STOCK STOLEN.—Somebody has stolen a lot of stock from **Travis, Wilson & Co.**, for the recovery of which they will pay a liberal reward. Look at their advertisement in the proper column, for particulars.

THE ONLY Fresh Shell Oysters in Hamilton, are to be found at Byrne's old stand, in Perry's Saloon, Main st. Also, Pigs Feet, Sheeps Tongues, and everything else that 's good to eat. Fresh oysters by every Express.

RACE.—To-day, at 2 p.m., on the track below Shermantown, a race between two well know horses will take place—John Stout owning one of the nages and Atehison brothers the other. Stake \$200 a side.

FARE to Pioche City has been reduced to \$25. **Travis, Wilson & Co.**'s stage leaves here to-morrow (Monday) morning at 8 o'clock—and will go through in less than 24 hours—and no 'blow.'

BULLION.—Wells, Fargo & Co. yesterday shipped from their office in this city to the Bank of California, San Francisco, 3 bars bullion, weighing 256 lbs., value \$4,523.82.

TO PIOCHE.—Travis, **Wilson & Co.**'s stage will leave here to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, carrying passengers for \$25 to Pioche City, and make the trip inside of 24 hours.

HAMILTON AND PIOCHE



STAGE LINE!

CARRYING

The U. S. Mail & W. F. & Co.'s Express.

LEAVES HAMILTON ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY, at 8 o'clock a. m. Arrives at Pioche on TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 8 o'clock a. m. Leaves Pioche on MONDAY and THURSDAY, at 8 o'clock a. m. Arrives at Hamilton TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 8 o'clock a. m.

This is the only established line to Pioche, via Robinson and Patterson. Smoothest and quickest route.

Also, a branch line from Patterson to Silver Park, making close connection with our regular stages.

Our road is double stocked with 6-horse changes.

Satisfaction guaranteed to passengers, or money refunded.

TRAVIS, WILSON & CO., Proprietors.

Our FAST FREIGHT LINE will be established in eight days. Merchants in Pioche, Silver Park, and intermediate points, will find it to their advantage to mark goods 'Care **TRAVIS, WILSON & CO.**, Fast Freight.'

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DEATH OF FORMER EUREKAN

"Jot" Travis, Pioneer Stage Owner In the West, Passes Away in New York

The New York Tribune of July 13 announces the death in that city of E. J. Travis, a former Eureka resident who built and with his family occupied the fine home on Atlas Hill now owned by Dan Morrison. Mr. Travis made his headquarters in Eureka for several years during the palmy days of the camp. The Tribune's life sketch of the deceased follows:

Ezra Johnson Travis, seventy-six, a pioneer owner of stage coaches before the days of railroads, died yesterday in the Post Graduate Hospital, following an operation. He had been in poor health for a year.

Mr. Travis was born in Greenville, Penn., moving from there to Illinois, where he enlisted in the 115th Illinois Infantry and served throughout the Civil War. At the conclusion of the war he went to Montana, where he engaged in the cattle business and operated several stage coaches, being

a partner in Gilmer & Salisbury, the largest stage coach transportation company in the West. He made his headquarters in Salt Lake City, and held the mail contracts in Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, California and Oregon. He later carried out contracts for the transportation of mail in Chicago, Philadelphia and New York.

Mr. Travis is survived by his sons, W. E. Travis, president of the Taxicab Company of California, and A. C. Travis, a member of the law firm of Rearick, Dorr & Travis, 71 Broadway, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert Edison Fulton, wife of the vice president of the International Motor Company, of 300 West End Avenue.

As it says in the newspaper article about his death, he was a Civil War Veteran in the 115th Illinois Infantry. After the war, he came out west to Montana, where he was in the cattle business and operated several stage coaches, "being a partner with Gilmer & Salisbury."

THROW DOWN THE BOX!



TREASURE TALES FROM
GILMER & SALISBURY
THE WESTERN STAGECOACH KING

George A. Thompson

From the Pioche Record, Pioche, Nevada:

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DAILY STAGE.—It is an absolute necessity that a daily stage should run between this place and Hamilton, and we would be pleased to see Gilmer & Salisbury start one immediately. The rapid growth of Pioche and the interests of her business men require it. There is no doubt that there will be an immense travel here this fall and winter, and a daily stage line will pay, and therefore we must have it.

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TRAVIS BROS. are up with the times in the livery business. In addition to their establishment in this place, they have an exchange stable at Buillionville. Patrons will be properly served at either establishment.

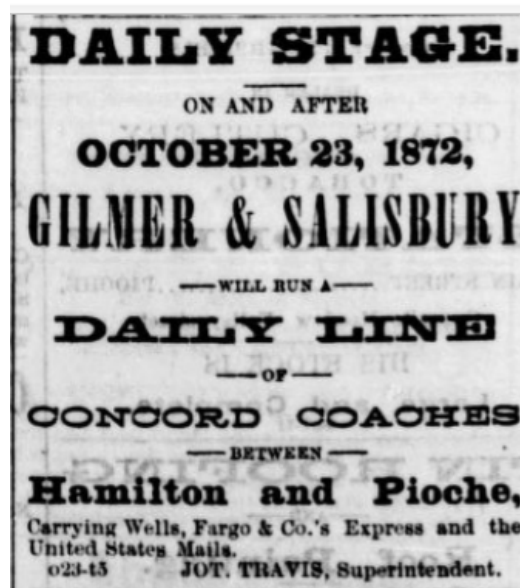
9-17-1872 Pioche Record newspaper:

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THE DAILY STAGE.—Jot Travis, the energetic agent of the Hamilton line, arrived in town yesterday. He tells us that a large amount of fresh stock has been brought on the road from Johnson's ranch, and is now being distributed along the road. In a short time the organization of the new line will be completed. Mr. Travis is entitled to much credit for the efforts he is making to accommodate the increasing travel to and from this city.

RUNAWAY.—Yesterday, after the Salt Lake stage had unloaded at the Express office, and while the driver was turning the team to go to the stable, the horses took a notion to run, and off they went down Main street to Lacour. On turning into the latter street, the turn was so sudden as to throw the driver, Jerry Bryant, from his seat. He fell on a pile of building stone and received considerable bodily injury. His arm was broken, had bruises and cuts, besides other hurts. He was taken into Burrage's drug store and attended to by Dr. Deal. After dumping the driver in this unceremonious way, the team, which evidently had made up their minds that they did not care whether school or the road was kept or not, dashed on till they past the Court House, when the stage was overturned and the team brought to a halt. Wes. Travis, who, it must be admitted, can run well after a stage—if he can't beat Kane—had followed the runaways on horseback and came up just in time to secure the horses. He, with the aid of the crowd, righted the stage, adjusted things generally and drove team into town, with no particular damage to horses or team save breaking a few spokes. The driver's injuries, as before stated, are quite severe, and from the violence in which he was thrown off the precise extent of his hurts may not be ascertained for a day or two.

THE STAGE LINES.—We were favored yesterday with calls from Messrs. Gilmer & Salisbury, the well known proprietors of the Salt Lake and Montana stage lines, and also part proprietors of the Hamilton line. These gentlemen are out on a tour of inspection. They informed us that improvements were contemplated in the Salt Lake route, both in vehicles and stock. Having two daily lines, one to Salt Lake and the other to Hamilton, the citizens of Pioche can communicate with both the East and West as rapidly as can be expected for a locality as isolated as Pioche. In the course of our interview with the above named gentlemen we took the opportunity of expressing our thanks for the public spirit of the Messrs. Travis in organizing the daily line at an earlier date than was at first promised. Quick and regular communication with the centres of business is one of the most important aids to the developments and the prosperity of our mining interests.

DEXTER LIVERY STABLES.—We invite attention to the advertisement of the Dexter Stables, of which Cinque Barnes is now the lessee, having leased the property from Travis Bros., and has it stocked with 300 horses.

STAGE UPSET.—We learn from Mr. Patchin, one of the passengers, that the Hamilton and Pioche stage upset night before last near the Washburn Station and about 19 miles this side of Hamilton. All the passengers were stunned, and the driver, Frank Sanders, had his arm broken; D. R. Alexander was considerably bruised about the head, but is not seriously injured; and a lady passenger was compelled to stop ever till the next trip. The stage was delayed a couple of hours in consequence of the mishap.

HORSE DISEASE.—On Saturday we were informed that there were two cases of the epidemic horse disease in one of our stables. We have not learned of any more cases and the horses now suffering are not seriously affected. If it be a fact that the epizootic is here our citizens will understand from the lessons taught by experience in the States that careful treatment does more to carry the animals safely through than any medical remedy. We are not inclined to believe that there is a real bona fide case of the epidemic this side of the Missouri river.—Salt Lake Herald, 12th.

Hipporhinorrhoea is the proper name for it. Epizootic is played out, and horse disease is antiquated.

CHANGE OF PROPRIETORS.—Gilmer & Salisbury, the enterprising stage men of Utah and Eastern Nevada, have purchased the entire stage outfit of the E. & P. R. R. Company, including the route from Eureka to Hamilton. The purchase includes the stock and coaches which formerly run between this place and Alpha, and they have now over 200 head of extra horses. Messrs. Gilmer & Salisbury are now sole proprietors of the line through to Pioche, and it is their intention to run it upon the most improved principles of staging and make better time than has ever been made on the route. They will continue to run through Hamilton as formerly.

From the familysearch.org website, I recognize the name of the woman who submitted the Johnson Family History references! Laurel Egbert is the granddaughter of Loyd Sorensen, a sheep and cattle rancher who had a ranch in White Pine & Elko counties.

Sacramento Daily Union, 8/7/1873: DIED. Hamilton, Nev., July 30 – Son of E. J. and Hannah Travis, 10 months. Treasure Hill (Jackson, 1963), p. 93: “As the traveler of today walks through the abandoned cemetery a few hundred yards from Hamilton, the topsy-turvy headstones whose inscriptions can still be read reveal much about the people who made up the mining community of White Pine. The impact of foreign personalities was great. ...Young Harvey Adelbert Travis died in July 1873, having lived only nine months.309 (Footnote 309 – Information obtained by the author at Hamilton, Nevada, August, 1955.)

1870 Census, Hamilton, White Pine County, Nevada: Ezra J. Travis, 37 yrs, Horse trader, RE \$10,000/PE \$25,000, b. Pennsylvania; Hannah Travis, 20 yrs, Keeping House, b. Wisconsin; Margaret Travis, 18 yrs, b. Pennsylvania (Also Wesley S. Travis, wife Margaret and 3 yr old daughter, Minnie M., b. Montana Territory are living next door. /ss)

1875 Nevada State Census, White Pine County: E. J. Travis, 32 yrs, Farmer, b. Pennsylvania; H. P. Travis, female, 25 yrs, b. Norway; W. E. Travis, male, 5 yrs, b. Nevada; E. P. Travis, female, 6 mos, b. Nevada (This would have been Edna Pauline Travis who was 6 months old in the 1875 Census. I'm trying to find more information, but according to familysearch.org, she was born in 1874 and died in 1876. She would have been buried either in Hamilton or Eureka, but probably Hamilton. Jot Travis was big into horse racing, and the family was still living in the area in 1876.

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foreman of the mine.

FOUR-MILE RACE.--A four mile and repeat race will come off at Bay District Park, in San Francisco, next Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M., for a purse of \$10,000. The animals entered for the race are all mares, viz: Mattie A., Josie C., Mollie McCarthy, Ballinette, Lola Lodi, Emma Skaggs and Gentle Annie. Jot Travis owns and enters Lola Lodi. The contest is exciting considerable interest among sporting men on the coast. Pools on the race will be sold at the Palace Saloon, in this town.

1880 Census, Eureka, Eureka County, Nevada: E. J. Travis, 37 yrs, Married, U. S. Mail carrier, b. Pennsylvania, Father b. Virginia, Mother b. U.S.; Hannah P. Travis, wife, 30 yrs, at home, b. Norway, Parents born Norway; Elgin Travis, son, 9 yrs, at home, b. Nevada, Father b. Pennsylvania, Mother b. Norway; Erma Travis, daughter, 2 yrs, at home, b. Nevada, Father b. Pennsylvania, Mother b. Norway

Chicago Daily Tribune, 7/8/1892: Deaths. TRAVIS – The funeral of Hannah P. Travis, wife of E. J. Travis, will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 9, at the residence, 2612 Indiana av. Salt Lake Herald,

10/29/1898: The Idaho, Nevada and California Stage company filed articles of incorporation yesterday with the county clerk. The capital stock is fixed at \$20,000, and Salt Lake City is

named as the principal place of business. Ezra J. Travis is president; Wesley E. Travis, vice president; Charles B. Felt, secretary; Clayton L. Haines, treasurer; and Clarence Warnock is the remaining director. The new company succeeds to the business of the Lewiston and Mt. Idaho Stage line and all the star route mail contracts owned by Wesley E. Travis in the states named.

Lexington (KY) Herald, 7/22/1919: Versailles Woman Is Left Income of \$10,000 a Year by Will of Rich Brother. Last Testament of Ezra J. Travis, Wealthy Montana Ranch Owners, Is Filed in New York. New York, July 20. - Among the beneficiaries of the will of the late Ezra J. Travis is his sister, Mrs. Margaret F. Blair, now living in Versailles, Ky., who is to receive his income of \$10,000 for life. Mr. Travis left an estate estimated at a million dollars. He died July 12 at the Post- Graduate Hospital in this city. The bulk of his estate goes to his three children, Wesley Travis, of San Francisco, and Hannah Travis Fulton and Albert Chester Travis, of this city. Mr. Travis was president to the Pacific Stagecoach Company in the Pioneer days before the railroads, his stage coaches at one time covering 8,000 miles daily. He was an expert horseman and had one of the largest horse ranches in the world. It was at Cascade, Mont. and grazed 5,000 horses.

Ancestry.com (Donald Skotty): Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc. was organized under the laws of California on April 12, 1930, as a consolidation of the following motor bus lines: California Transit Company (aka Yelloway), Pickwick Stage System, southern Pacific Motor Transport Co., Oregon Stages, Inc., Peninsula Rapid Transit Co., Pacific Auto Stages, Golden Gate Stages, Calistoga & Clear Lake Stage Co., Pacific Coast Motor Coach Co., Kern County Transportation Corp., Coast Auto Lines, Inc., Sierra Nevada Stages, Pacific Stages Inc., and Boyd Stage Line. Pacific Greyhound operated an interstate motor coach system from Portland, Ore. to San Diego, Cal. with 406 motor coaches, and a yearly mileage of approximately 20 million coach miles. The firm's officers and directors were as follows: Officers – T.B. Wilson, Pres.; C.E. Wickman, W.E. Travis, C.R. Harding, R.W. Lemen, H.C. Lucas, Vice-Pres.; M. McKinstry, Sec. and Treas.; F.W. Ackerman, Aud.; L.D. Jones, Gen Mgr. Directors — W.G. Filer, C.R. Harding, L.C. Gilman, W.E. Travis, G.W. Traer, Jr., F.W. Webster, C.E. Wickman, T.B. Wilson, C.F. Wren. Head Office — 9 Main St., San Francisco.

Note: 1: See also <http://www.unr.edu/silverandblue/online/winter2008/readmore/travis.html>: “He met his wife, Hannah Pauline Dahl, in Helena, where they married in 1869. By 1870, the couple lived in Hamilton, White Pine County, Nev., and Jot’s connection with the state commenced. Wesley Elgin Travis, their first child of seven, was born in 1870. Hannah bore another son and daughter, both of whom died in infancy, and another son, named Frederick Jottie.

In Eureka, Nev., where the family lived following a brief residency in San Francisco, another daughter, Ezra, [Editor’s note: Ezra was possibly actually named Erma. She is referred to later in the text as Erma] was born.”

Note 2: See Fred C. Dahl as a possible brother of Hannah Pauline Dahl Travis.

Note 3: Harvey Adelbert Travis is a documented burial based on Jackson’s observations at the cemetery in 1955, inferring that a gravestone may have been in place at that time, and by the fact the family remained in the county for at least two years after his death. Hamilton Deaths & Burial Research Notes Hamilton Cemetery, White Pine County, Nevada, Page 52

Harvey’s older brother was Wesley Elgin Travis (b. 1870 in Hamilton). Before he died in 1952 Wesley asked that a marker be placed on Harvey’s grave. His request was filled in

June 2014 by placing a memorial marker next to a wall on the edge of the cemetery to minimize the possibility of interfering with other burials

Wesley was Chairman of Greyhound Co.

Beloved son of Jot and Hannah Dahl Travis



Another Travis family member was also buried at the Hamilton Cemetery, Joe Travis, a cousin of Jot Travis, who lived with his family at the 6 Mile Stage Station on the Eureka to Hamilton stage route. Newspaper stories are about him when he lived at Patterson, which was a small mining community in Cave Valley, just over the Egan Mountain Range from Lund, NV and south of Ely, Nevada. Not only was mining going on in the Patterson area, but it was also on the main freight route from the train at Cobre (by where Wendover is today) to Pioche.

A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

The Body Found near Patterson Station.

Last Saturday Joe Travis was hunting some horses which had gone astray, at Patterson, one of the eating stations on the stage route between this place and Hamilton, and distant from here between 60 and 70 miles. As he was riding about in the sage brush he saw a man's hand, on the ground, and immediately surmised that the rest of the body was somewhere in the vicinity. Upon digging up the ground a little, the putrified body of a man who had evidently been murdered was disclosed to view. The body was apparently that of a young man of medium height, with light sandy hair. A hole had been made in the skull over the left eye, and the man had been buried with all his clothing on except his boots. This leads to an almost perfect certainty that the man was murdered.

The first parts of the body which attracted attention were the skull and one of the hands, which had been dug up from the shallow grave by the coyotes. Upon searching further the rest of the remains were found. They were collected and buried again, deep enough to keep the coyotes from digging them up. For the above facts, thanks to Mr. Taylor, stage driver, between this place and Patterson.

This Joe Travis was Josiah Travis, he was the brother of Ezra "Jot" Travis. Josiah owned the Travis Ranch in Cave Valley at what is known as Haggerty. He helped Jot Travis in the stagecoach business.

Obituary.

Through the kindness of Mr. Orr, stage driver between Eureka and Hamilton, we learn of the death of Joe Travis yesterday morning, at 4 o'clock at the Six Mile House, where the deceased resided with his family, a wife and five children, and kept the stage station. About a month ago Mr. Travis was plowing with a spirited team with the lines thrown over his back when a single-tree broke. The plow stuck in the ground, and he was drawn violently over it. In the concussion he received a serious wound to the bladder, from which he suffered dreadfully until relieved by death at the hour named. Dr. Thoma was called to see him Monday night. The doctor tells us that at that time the case of the patient had become hopeless, and that he was then actually dying. The deceased was a cousin to Jot Travis, who has been telegraphed to concerning the sad death of his relative, a worthy man of middle age, who leaves a large family in distress over his untimely taking off.

This is a photo from my family's collection of 6 Mile House Station at Coyle's. I had wondered what year it may have been taken, now I know that Dennis Coyle and family moved there in 1903.

Changed Ownership Again.

Matt Hoey who recently purchased the Six-mile House Station near Hamilton sold the property to Dennis Coyle the first of the week. Mrs. Coyle and her son Ed have already moved to their new home, and Mr. Coyle is expected to arrive from Butte, Montana, in a few days. There is considerable travel to Hamilton and Ely over this road and it is safe to say that the public will receive the best of attention at the hands of the new owners.



Jot Travis Building at U.N.R

"Jot" Travis is the nickname for Ezra Johnson Travis, one of the Far West's first stagecoach company managers during the late 19th century. Travis, whose forebears were said to be members of the Jamestown settlement in Virginia and veterans of the American Revolution, was general manager of the Gilmer and Salisbury stagecoach line and later president of the Utah, Nevada and California Stage Company. The Gilmer and Salisbury line was reported to be "one of the most powerful corporations in the West by 1880," according to the *Missoulian* newspaper.

He directed a fleet of horse-drawn stage transportation covering 8,000-plus miles daily. The lines carried passengers, U.S. mail and post office funding as well as express freight for Wells Fargo. Travis' stagecoach companies fed the primary railroad lines west of Chicago.

Jot Travis' son, Wesley, chairman of the board for Greyhound Bus Lines, bequeathed a gift of \$300,000 to the university for a student facility. His will stipulated that the new building be named in honor of his father.

From another site: In 1952, Wesley Elgin Travis donated \$300,000 and a bust of his father, Ezra Johnson "Jot" Travis, to the university for construction of the Jot Travis Student Union. The money was matched by the Nevada Legislature to make a total donation of \$600,000 for

construction of the building, which opened in 1958. For many years, Jot Travis Student Union housed student government offices, numerous activities and meetings, the ASUN Bookstore, Pine Student Lounge and food and dining services. With the opening of the Joe Crowley Student Union, Jot Travis still offers food and beverage service in the form of "The Overlook," a \$4 million facility that opened in 2004. In fall 2008, the building became home to the Davidson Academy of Nevada, a free public day school for the profoundly gifted.



When I showed the newspaper article to friends I'd grown up with in Eureka about the house on Atlas Hill being built by Jot Travis, one of the friends who attended the University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, told me there was a building on the campus named for Jot Travis.

From the findagrave.com site:

Born in Western Pennsylvania of Scotch-Irish parents, in 1855 he moved with his father and siblings to Shelby County, IL. In 1865 following the Civil War, both his parents having died, he went West with his brothers to Helena, MT. He was the epitome of those who built the West. When he died he was living in Manhattan near Central Park. The July 30, 1919 New York Evening Post article about his life read:

"Jot" Travis, Last of the Old West Pioneers

His Passing Recalls the Stage Coach Days

Ezra Johnson Travis was Soldier, Scout, Horse
Trader and Stage Line Manager.



Ezra "Jot" Travis was buried in the family plot in Chicago, Illinois.

Jot's family:

Brother:

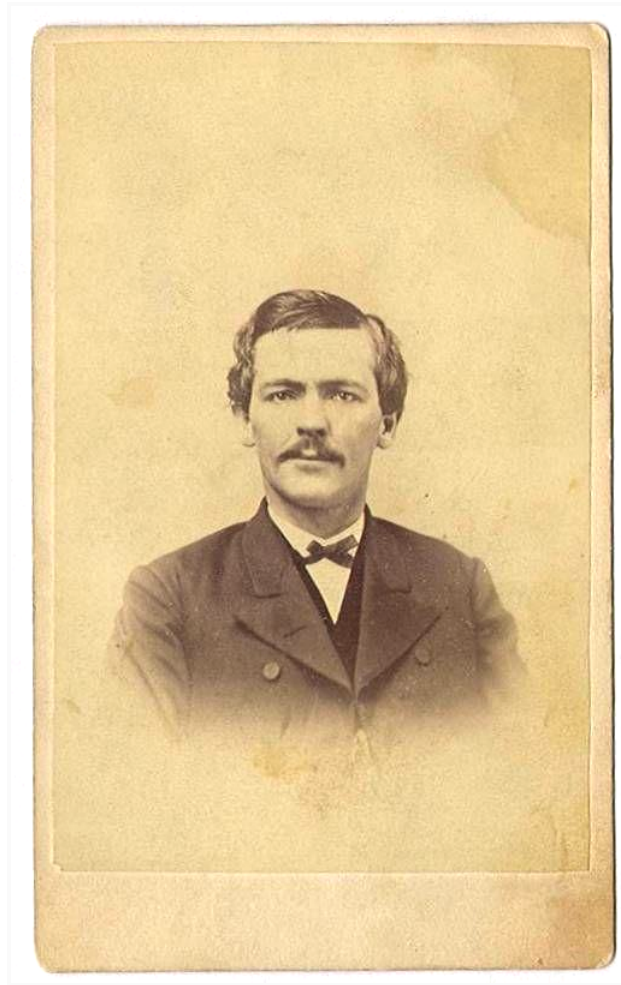
Chester Monroe "Chess" Travis was born in Pennsylvania in 1835, the son of Martin Beatty and Isabella (Brown) Travis. He married Fannie Piatt on October 5, 1859 in Shelby County, Illinois. In 1870, the Federal Census indicates that Chess was well off financially with \$12,000 in real property and \$10,000 in personal property. Chess ran a livery stable in Helena. Chess and Fannie had several children, Lee, Norman, Clifford, and George.

An article in the newspaper describes Chess well: "A Rough Trip. Mr. C. M. Travis, who has the contract for carrying the mail from Bozeman to Tongue River for the next four years, is examining his routes. Chess has had a pretty rough trip, being caught in the storm, has had to swim creeks, and encountered perils by field and flood, losing his watch, papers and clothing while helping the stage across Elk Creek. He, however, is up and a doing, and says he has got the best stage line in Montana, and intends to run it first class. He is the man that can do it, if anybody can. – Bozeman Courier, May 9." (Helena Independent, 5/12/1878)

On October 19, 1880, Chess died from pneumonia at the Dana House in Helena. He had been in failing health for some time and since he sustained a severe fall a few weeks before his death by being thrown from a vehicle in a runaway accident, although he had been seen on the streets just days before his death, few were aware that he was dangerously ill. Mr. Travis was one of the early settlers of Montana and had lived here shortly after Helena was a town. He was known by almost every person in the Territory. Chess was about 45 years of age. He left a wife, Fannie,

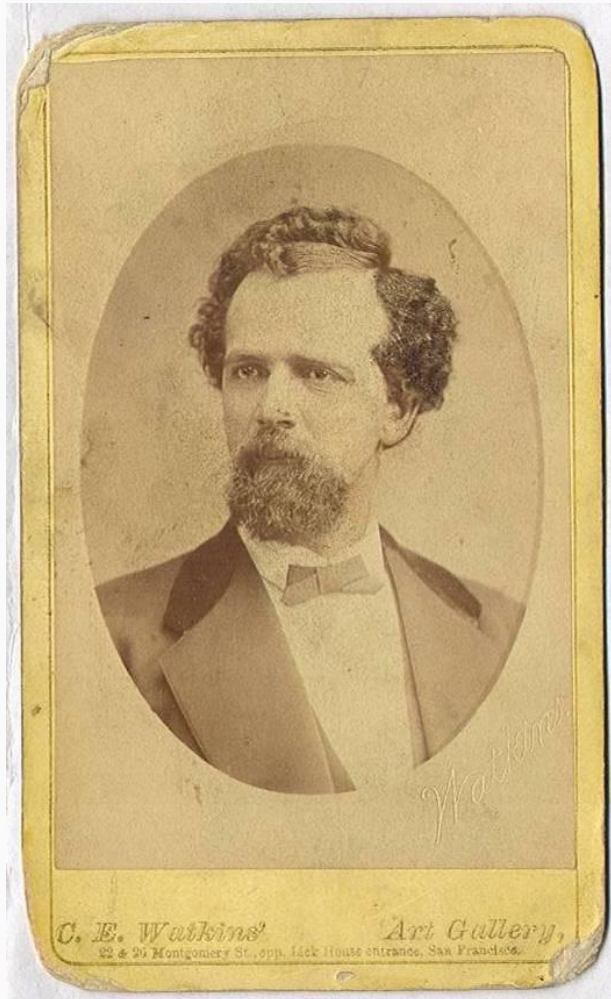
and four sons, Lee, Norman, Clifford, and George. (Helena Independent, 10/20/1880) Chess has a tombstone disintegrated and unreadable. Section B, Row 2.

NOTE: Chester's wife, Fannie (or Fanny), died in 1914 and is buried at the Greenwood Memorial Terrace, Spokane, Washington.



Wes Travis, the brother who was a partner in the livery stable and stagecoach business with Jot died in Spokane, WA and is buried there.

Wesley Stanley Travis was elected Sheriff of Lincoln Co., NV in Nov 1872 for two years. It was said that Pioche, NV, the county seat, was the toughest town in the West - tougher than Tombstone - and that 75 men were buried before the first person died of a natural cause.



Wes Travis

Wes Travis was a partner with his brother Jot in a livery stable at Pioche, and I assume in the stagecoach business too. He was also elected to serve as the Lincoln County Sheriff.

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SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES.—W. S. Travis, our newly elected sheriff, took possession of his office yesterday. Sheriff Travis has made the following appointments: Joseph R. Hoag, Under Sheriff; J. B. Van Hagan and L. P. Davis, Deputies; Henry Woodruff and William L. McKee, Night Watchmen; Al. Staples, Deputy Sheriff at Bullionville; — Lufkins, Deputy at Panaca; John McCall, Deputy at Dry Valley; Joseph Starks, Deputy at Hiko.

COUNTY JAIL.—Sheriff Travis yesterday received the keys of the County Jail and took formal possession of that institution, together with the custody of the inmates. There are six prisoners now in jail, one of whom is a Chinaman; one is charged with murder and another with rape, both of whose cases will be inquired into by the Grand Jury. There are three cells in which to confine the refractory when deemed necessary. The main building, exclusive of cells, is about 20x12 feet in dimensions, and is warm and properly ventilated. The prison is of substantial material, and it would require an expert at jail-breaking to effect an escape.

In some of the newspaper stories, Wes Travis had discovered a gold mine in the Tucson, Arizona area, but in March 1883 he was visiting his sister, Maggie Blair, at Bristol and had been in some sort of accident and lost his arm.

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WES. TRAVIS, a former Sheriff of this county, has been spending several days out at Bristol visiting his sister, Mrs. A. J. Blair. During his roving over the country Wes, through some accident, managed to lose one of his arms. He left Bristol for the north on Wednesday's stage.

I don't know when the families moved to the Spokane, Washington area, but in the 1870 Census from Hamilton, Wesley Travis and his wife and child lived next door to Jot and Hannah Travis.

WAS TRAVIS ASSAULTED?

Wesley S. Travis, a mail contractor and a brother of J. W. Travis, manager of the city mail service, is lying at the Sacred Heart hospital in an unconscious condition, the victim of a murderous attack by thugs or highwaymen.

Travis was picked up last Tuesday morning, about 6 o'clock, by the night clerk at the Grand hotel, who found him lying senseless and bleeding on the sidewalk in front of the hotel.

Travis was taken to the home of his brother, 308 Market street, but his condition was such that it was

later deemed advisable to remove him to the hospital.

At the hospital the surgeons state that Travis was hit on the back of the head with some blunt instrument or a club.

Up to today Travis has been unable to talk or tell how he happened to be injured.

The police say that Travis was found drunk downtown that night and was sent home in a hack. Later he got out and came down town again. He was in the Grand hotel and was put out of there just a few minutes before being found on the sidewalk.

The police are inclined to believe that he fell and struck his head.

Sister: Margaret "Maggie" Travis Blair was buried in Denver, Colorado.



Maggie Travis Blair's husband, Aubrey John (A.J) Blair, served in the Nevada Assembly from 1874-1876 and Nevada Senate in 1876-1880 from Pioche. They were married Sept. 23, 1873 in Pioche, Nevada.

Ezra "Jot" Travis died in New York City, close to Central Park. This is from a New York paper:

\$500,000 IS LEFT BY OLD INDIAN FIGHTER

**Ezra J. Travis Was Also Pros-
pector, Miner and Terror of
"Bad Men" in West.**

SCOUT IN THE CIVIL WAR

**Two Sons and a Daughter Get
Most of Estate—Sister and
Niece Remembered.**

Ezra Johnson Travis, civil war veteran, Western trail breaker, Indian fighter, buffalo hunter, prospector, miner and terror of "bad men" in the days of the real wild and woolly West, left an estate of approximately \$500,000 when he died July 12 in the Post-Graduate Hospital here. His will was filed for probate yesterday by his son, Albert Chester Travis, of 20 East Eighth street, and a member of the law firm of Rearick, Dorr & Travis, 71 Broadway.

He leaves to his sister, Mrs. Mary F. Blair of Versailles, Ky., the income of \$10,000, and to his niece, Minnie Travis Brown of 1829 Oak street, San Francisco, the income of \$1,000 during their lives. The residue is left to his children, Wesley Elgin Travis, president of the Taxicab Company of California, of 1280 Bush street, San Francisco; Han-

1220 Bush street, San Francisco; Hannah Travis Fulton, wife of Robert Edison Fulton, vice-president of the International Motor Company, of 300 West End avenue, and Albert Chester Travis.

The residuary estate is divided into three shares of 24, 42 and 34 per cent., going to the residuary legatees in the order named. The inequality of the provisions, the will states, is due to advances made or other disposition of the estate during the testator's lifetime, and the larger provision made for the daughter is "because of her comparative inability to meet the responsibilities of life."

Fought Morgan's Raiders.

Mr. Travis was born in Greenville, Pa., in 1845, the descendant of Colonial Virginia stock. Fondness of adventure lured him westward, but he returned to Illinois when the civil war started and enlisted. For two years he performed scout work in Tennessee and Alabama and figured in numerous skirmishes with Morgan's Raiders. He was commended for his gallantry in orders and in a personal letter from his commanding officer, Gen. Speed S. Fry, to whose staff he was attached. This letter was one of Mr. Travis's most cherished possessions.

After his discharge from service Mr. Travis returned to the West. When his outfit arrived in Montana the Alder Gulch discoveries had just been made and the gold fever was at its height in that district. He became a member of the Vigilantes and when he moved to Salmon City, Idaho, the lawless element of that community, fearing his advent there presaged an extension of Vigilante activities, served notice on him to move.

Mr. Travis barricaded himself in a cabin and with a slug loaded, sawed-off doublebarrelled shotgun held the desperadoes at bay until the timely arrival of a friend, who afterward was elected a United States Senator from Idaho. They drove off the bandits.

Takes Trail Again in 1869.

Always seeking excitement, Mr. Travis took the trail again in 1869, when the White Pine and Ploche discoveries were

made. He established a stage line between Hamilton and Pioche, later joining forces with the noted firm of Gilmer & Salisbury, a large stage transportation company, having 5,000 horses drawing passengers, freight and mails overland.

During this period Mr. Travis was a deputy sheriff in Pioche under his brother, on whose retirement he served as sheriff. Pioche was known as one of the most lawless towns in the West and Mr. Travis frequently said that at one period there were seventy-five deaths by violence—from guns and bowie knives—and only two from natural causes.

He was a predecessor of J. R. Haggin and Lloyd Tevis in the ownership of the famous Homestake No. 2 mine at Leeds, S. D., but his interest in horses caused him to abandon mining and other adventures to establish a ranch at Cascade, Mont. This was among the largest of its kind in America, Mr. Travis having 6,000 head of cattle. He afterward held mail contracts in Chicago, New York and Philadelphia until his retirement some years ago.

\$500,000 in 1919 is worth \$8,694,797.69 today, 3/18/2023

Sacramento Daily Union, 8/7/1873: DIED. Hamilton, Nev., July 30 – Son of E. J. and Hannah Travis, 10 months. Treasure Hill (Jackson, 1963), p. 93: “As the traveler of today walks through the abandoned cemetery a few hundred yards from Hamilton, the topsy-turvy headstones whose inscriptions can still be read reveal much about the people who made up the mining community of White Pine. The impact of foreign personalities was great.

...Young Harvey Adelbert Travis died in July 1873, having lived only nine months.³⁰⁹ (Footnote 309 – Information obtained by the author at Hamilton, Nevada, August, 1955.)

I have recently made contact with a relative of Jot Travis from what I found on the findagrave.com site, and I am thrilled to hear more of the story from him and also share what I have found in my searches. I've also learned that he was the man who had the headstone made for the young son of Jot and Hannah who is buried at the cemetery in Hamilton.

From Bill Meyers:

Jot Travis was my 3rd great uncle (my 2nd great grandfather's brother.) Jot, my grandfather, two other brothers and their 13-year-old sister left central Illinois in about 1865 and took the Oregon trail west to Helena, MT. They started a livery business supplying the miners. In the late 1860's they expanded to Nevada (Hamilton and Pioche).

To my knowledge only Harvey was buried in Hamilton. Their first daughter, Edna, died in San Francisco in 1876 when she was two years old. I've never found her burial place.

I was told Harvey's older brother had wanted to place a marker on his grave. Unable to do so, when he was dying, he chartered his son to do it. The son passed without doing so, so I had one made and placed it in the cemetery. The actual grave site is not known so I placed the marker on the perimeter of the cemetery so as not to disturb other burials.

I've attached Jot Travis' New York Post obituary. His death was announced across the country, but I believe the Post's is the best. I've attached Hannah's obituary as well.

There is another writing on Jot Travis. The student union at the University of Nevada - Reno was named "The Jot" after Ezra Jot Travis. I have a copy of the 16-page document about Jot Travis that was placed in the corner stone of the building. If you're interested in it, I can scan it and send it to you.

With much appreciation to Bill for the work that he has done to preserve the stories and history of this family, the old photos that go with the names are a real treasure.

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PRICE TWO CEN

"JOT" TRAVIS, LAST OF OLD WEST PIONEERS

His Passing Recalls the Stage Coach Days

Ezra Johnson Travis Was Soldier, Scout, Horse Trader, and Stage Line Manager.

The old West, of trails and buffaloes and scouting, of Indians and mining hysteria and cowboys and cattle ranches and bucking horses, of desperadoes with stages careening over rocky passes ready to their hand, is getting more and more a memory and a myth, a Golden Age of the United States which gets more golden and less gory as the years go on. And when some hero of the era dies, some man who lived it through, there is a thrill, a sadness, and even young people who have never been west of Buffalo shake their heads, as who should say, "The good old days are done. Romance has run its course."

These men who lived it through are getting scarce. "Jot" Travis, who died the middle of this month, was of the last of them. And in the review and reminiscence of his life, a kind of fragmentary reconstruction of that elder West is possible, and the names of the old trails, the Apache, the Emigrant and the others, seem strangely more natural and familiar than Fifth Avenue or Forty-second Street. They are the trails of all of us—the hereditary highways to which all Americans, more or less unconsciously, lay claim. And, for some reason, even the most legal find an undimmed glamor in that early lawlessness tempered with the ruthless rule of the "six gun." We all careen in stages in our minds and thunder along on devilish horses, stirrupless and clinging with our knees. Very likely we also make that sound which cowboys in the circus make when they are plotting to lasso. There is a name for it. But that, too, for the moment has been lost. However, we do not run from Indians, as that is not so nice.

"Jot" was evidently short for Johnson, for his real name was Ezra Johnson Travis. His life moved westward steadily. The course, first of his family and then of himself, made a many-angled diagram of perseverance and initiative across the States. From Virginia to Pennsylvania his family had moved before he was born, and they moved again to Illinois when he was a boy. He was only about fifteen when he enlisted for the Civil War in the 115th Illinois Infantry. He was daring and above all else he loved horses, and from the infantry he went into scouting for the last two years of war.

Occasions seemed to come in splendid order for "Jot" Travis. He was one of those happy people whose talents coincide exactly with their times, who do not have to be adapted. If the occasions had not come he might have made them, but as it was he did not need to, for in swift succession came the Civil War, the wave of pioneering, the Alder Gulch and other mining excitements, the need for elongated stage routes, for development of land and the opportunity for the breeding of horses. He missed no chance and did all there was to be done, which was a great deal in that day and district.

In Tennessee and Alabama, in the early scouting days of the war, he was in constant contact with Morgan's Raiders, and got high commendation from Gen. Speed S. Fry, to whose staff he was attached. Directly Appomattox was over, and he discharged, he started West on the Emigrant Trail with his own outfit, and arrived in Montana just in time for the Alder Gulch mining furor. He knew horses, and immediately went into the business of buying horses and supplying them to the miners. Another branch of this business he started at Salmon City, Idaho, in 1867. Desperadoes and outlaws who had come West after the hanging of the famous desperado Shad in Virginia City, believed that Travis was a harbinger of greater law and order and served notice on him to get out or die. He did neither.

He established a stage line from

Hamilton to Pioche in 1869, as the direct consequence of the White Pine and Pioche, Nevada, mining ventures. This line extended over the present copper deposits of the Nevada Consolidated at Ely. He joined forces soon with Gilmer and Salisbury, the largest stage transportation company in the country, and so big was the business that they reached into practically every trans-Mississippi State and worked more than 5,000 horses. Their daily mileage was, for a while, 8,000. And meantime he was of course deputy sheriff under his brother, in Pioche, and served in his brother's place when he retired. Pioche, whose deaths numbered seventy-five before there was a natural one, was supposed to be the roughest, toughest town in the country.

In 1885 the stage-coach business began to be put out by railroads and the firm dissolved. He then became president of the Utah, Nevada, and California Stage Company, which operated stage lines and mail contracts on a large scale through all the Western States, extending its operations in 1887 to Chicago, where it took the city mail contract. He operated this contract for sixteen years, and for a portion of this period held the mail contracts in Philadelphia and New York as well. This last he secured first in 1893 and operated continuously until 1905, when he finally retired from active business.

With Gilmer and Salisbury he was a predecessor of J. B. Hagin and Lloyd Tevis in the ownership of the famous Homestake No. 2 at Leeds, S. D. In horsemanship he did much to improve the stock of both draft and speed animals, his best-known accomplishment being the production in the early nineties of Director's Flower, which, under Monroe Salisbury's tutelage, became the champion two-year-old trotter of the year. He was also the president and principal owner of the Utah Livestock Company, which owned probably the largest horse ranch in the United States, situated at Cascade, Mont., and having more than 6,000 horses. He also owned a large cattle ranch at American Falls, Idaho.

When I have time, I will type out the story from the New York newspaper. This is the obituary for the 18 year old daughter who died in 1896, Irma/Erma. A son, Frederick, died at the age of 15 in 1894. Hannah Pauline Dahl Travis was 42 when she died in Chicago in 1892.





Erma Bell Travis, the daughter of Jot & Hannah Travis who died at the age of 18.

Emma B. Travis

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Name **Emma B. Travis**

Sex **Female**

Age **18**

Death Date **11 Aug 1896**

Birth Year (Estimated) **1878**

Birthplace **San Francisco, Cal**

Marital Status **Single**

Race **White**

Ethnicity **American**

Father's Name **Ezra J. Travis**

Father's Sex **Male**

Father's Birthplace **American**

Mother's Name **Hannah P.**

Mother's Sex **Female**

Mother's Birthplace **American**

Event Type **Burial**

Event Date **12 Aug 1896**

Event Place **Utah, United States**

The Salt Lake Tribune.

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 12, 1903.

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DIED.

TRAVIS.—In this city, August 11, 1903, Irma B., daughter of E. J. and the late Mrs. E. J. Travis, aged 18 years, 7 months and 4 days.

Funeral from Mrs. Gilmer's residence on the east bench, Ninth South and Eleventh East, today (Wednesday), at 4 o'clock.

The death of Miss Travis is heart-breaking to her father, sister and brothers, a most sorrowful event to her hosts of friends in this city. She spent half her early life in this town and was known by hundreds of people. She was altogether a lovely girl, and the very idol of the Travis home, especially since her mother died three or four years ago.

Every accomplishment that wealth could lavish upon her was given. For a long time she attended St. Mary's school at Knoxville, Ill. From there she went to the Misses Mackle's school at Newburg on the Hudson, and from there to Ogontz, Pa., where she remained until April last, when she was attacked by la grippe. Up to that time she had been the very picture of perfect health, and had excelled her classmates both in her studies and in athletics. When she recovered a little, she was taken South, to Georgia and Tennessee, but not improving, she started for California, and stopped off in this city at the hospitable home of Mrs. Gilmer, for a rest and a visit with her old friends. She thought she was getting better. Only two weeks ago she attended a reception at the Fort, but a week ago was stricken down, and after that never left her bed. At the coming of the dawn yesterday morning she passed away, and the grief of her father and brothers is pitiful to see. Everything that affection or science could suggest was done for her. She wanted to live, and those around her clung to her with a wild affection, but the wheel that turns between birth and death would not stop one revolution, and so in the glory of her youth, in the splendor of her accomplishments, just when life seemed lighted by rainbows and filled with flowers, the summons came. She is gone. The garden is turned into a desert. The light of the household is gone out, and those who are left sit in the darkness, inconsolable. Still they should keep in mind that as

"Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting;
The soul that rises with us, our life's star,
Hath had elsewhere its setting,
And cometh from afar:
Not in entire forgetfulness,
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From God, who is our home"—

So they should keep in mind that this is but a transitory state; that what seems death is but transition, and it is as natural for a soul to go back to its first home, as it was for it to come away.

All sympathy will go out to the afflicted father and sister and brothers, and such comfort as comes in knowing that others share their grief will be theirs.

Death of Miss Irma B. Travis.

The Salt Lake Tribune contains a notice of the death of Miss **Irma B. Travis**, daughter of E. J., better known to his Pacific Coast friends as "Jot" **Travis**. Mr. **Travis** and family lived in Eureka for many years and are well known throughout the Eastern counties of Nevada. We take the following beautiful obituary from the Tribune of the 12th inst.:

The death of Miss **Travis** is heartbreaking to her father, sister and brothers, a most sorrowful event to her hosts of friends in this city. She spent half her early life in this town and was known by hundreds of people. She was altogether a lovely girl and the very idol of the Travis home, especially since her mother died three or four years ago.

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I don't know the story yet about the death of Frederick "Jottie" Travis, 1879-1894. He died in Chicago, Illinois.



Frederick Jottie Travis 1879-1894



Hannah Lena Travis 1881-1959

There isn't a picture of Albert, but he was born in 1883 and died in 1968.

Looking at this picture again that was found in the attic by the current owners of the house that was built by Jot Travis in Eureka, Nevada, I'm not sure which child this would be. It was normal for young boys to be dressed up in dresses then too, so it doesn't have to be a young daughter.

Jot and Hannah were living in Hamilton when their 7 month old son, Harvey, died and was buried in the Hamilton Cemetery in 1873. Wesley, the oldest son, was born in 1870. Irma/Erma was born in San Francisco in 1878 & died in Utah in 1896. Hannah was born in 1881. Albert was born in 1883. A daughter who I am still researching was born in 1874 and died in 1876. Her name was Edna Pauline, nickname "Dottie".

Submitted by Laurelle Sorensen Egbert on familysearch.org.

1870 Census, Hamilton, White Pine County, Nevada: Ezra J. Travis, 37 yrs, Horse trader, RE \$10,000/PE \$25,000, b. Pennsylvania; Hannah Travis, 20 yrs, Keeping House, b. Wisconsin; Margaret Travis, 18 yrs, b. Pennsylvania (Also Wesley S. Travis, wife Margaret and 3 yr old daughter, Minnie M., b. Montana Territory are living next door. /ss)

1875 Nevada State Census, White Pine County: E. J. Travis, 32 yrs, Farmer, b. Pennsylvania; H. P. Travis, female, 25 yrs, b. Norway; W. E. Travis, male, 5 yrs, b. Nevada; E. P. Travis, female, 6 mos, b. Nevada

1880 Census, Eureka, Eureka County, Nevada: E. J. Travis, 37 yrs, Married, U. S. Mail carrier, b. Pennsylvania, Father b. Virginia, Mother b. U.S.; Hannah P. Travis, wife, 30 yrs, at home, b. Norway, Parents born Norway; Elgin Travis, son, 9 yrs, at home, b. Nevada, Father b. Pennsylvania, Mother b. Norway; Erma Travis, daughter, 2 yrs, at home, b. Nevada, Father b. Pennsylvania, Mother b. Norway

Chicago Daily Tribune, 7/8/1892: Deaths. TRAVIS – The funeral of Hannah P. Travis, wife of E. J. Travis, will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 9, at the residence, 2612 Indiana av. Salt Lake Herald,

10/29/1898: The Idaho, Nevada and California Stage company filed articles of incorporation yesterday with the county clerk. The capital stock is fixed at \$20,000, and Salt Lake City is named as the principal place of business. Ezra J. Travis is president; Wesley E. Travis, vice president; Charles B. Felt, secretary; Clayton L. Haines, treasurer; and Clarence Warnock is the remaining director. The new company succeeds to the business of the Lewiston and Mt. Idaho Stage line and all the star route mail contracts owned by Wesley E. Travis in the states named.

Lexington (KY) Herald, 7/22/1919: Versailles Woman Is Left Income of \$10,000 a Year by Will of Rich Brother. Last Testament of Ezra J. Travis, Wealthy Montana Ranch Owners, Is Filed in New York. New York, July 20. - Among the beneficiaries of the will of the late Ezra J. Travis is his sister, Mrs. Margaret F. Blair, now living in Versailles, Ky., who is to receive his income of \$10,000 for life. Mr. Travis left an estate estimated at a million dollars. He died July 12 at the Post- Graduate Hospital in this city. The bulk of his estate goes to his three children, Wesley Travis, of San Francisco, and Hannah Travis Fulton and Albert Chester Travis, of this city. Mr. Travis was president to the Pacific Stagecoach Company in the Pioneer days before the railroads, his stage coaches at one time covering 8,000 miles daily. He was an expert horseman and had one of the largest horse ranches in the world. It was at Cascade, Mont. and grazed 5,000 horses.

Ancestry.com (Donald Skotty): Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc. was organized under the laws of California on April 12, 1930, as a consolidation of the following motor bus lines: California Transit Company (aka Yelloway), Pickwick Stage System, southern Pacific Motor Transport Co., Oregon Stages, Inc., Peninsula Rapid Transit Co., Pacific Auto Stages, Golden Gate Stages,

Calistoga & Clear Lake Stage Co., Pacific Coast Motor Coach Co., Kern County Transportation Corp., Coast Auto Lines, Inc., Sierra Nevada Stages, Pacific Stages Inc., and Boyd Stage Line. Pacific Greyhound operated an interstate motor coach system from Portland, Ore. to San Diego, Cal. with 406 motor coaches, and a yearly mileage of approximately 20 million coach miles.

The firm's officers and directors were as follows: Officers – T.B. Wilson, Pres.; C.E. Wickman, W.E. Travis, C.R. Harding, R.W. Lemen, H.C. Lucas, Vice-Pres.; M. McKinstry, Sec. and Treas.; F.W. Ackerman, Aud.; L.D. Jones, Gen Mgr. Directors — W.G. Filer, C.R. Harding, L.C. Gilman, W.E. Travis, G.W. Traer, Jr., F.W. Webster, C.E. Wickman, T.B. Wilson, C.F. Wren. Head Office — 9 Main St., San Francisco.

Note: 1: See also <http://www.unr.edu/silverandblue/online/winter2008/readmore/travis.html>: “He met his wife, Hannah Pauline Dahl, in Helena, where they married in 1869. By 1870, the couple lived in Hamilton, White Pine County, Nev., and Jot’s connection with the state commenced. Wesley Elgin Travis, their first child of seven, was born in 1870. Hannah bore another son and daughter, both of whom died in infancy, and another son, named Frederick Jottie. In Eureka, Nev., where the family lived following a brief residency in San Francisco, another daughter, Ezra, [Editor’s note: Ezra was possibly actually named Erma. She is referred to later in the text as Erma] was born.” Note 2: See Fred C. Dahl as a possible brother of Hannah Pauline Dahl Travis. Note 3: Harvey Adelbert Travis is a documented burial based on Jackson’s observations at the cemetery in 1955, inferring that a gravestone may have been in place at that time, and by the fact the family remained in the county for at least two years after his death. Hamilton Deaths & Burial Research Notes Hamilton Cemetery, White Pine County, Nevada, Page 52
Researched and compiled by Sue Silver March 25, 2013

I've researched the different stage/freight companies and the history of the Eureka Palisade Railroad and the railroads that were supposed to be built that weren't, especially the Elko to Hamilton Railroad. The stories from records, newspaper articles, etc. are in other books that I've put together that can be purchased at my cost for publication plus S&H, but average between \$10-15 each. I haven't gotten the amateur books mainly done for my own research purposes indexed yet, but the history from newspapers from that time period are interesting. There is more about the Travis family members in Book 7.

These are just a few of the news bits I found in a quick search about Travis & Wilson Stagecoach Company in 1870; Gilmer & Salisbury stagecoach line, which Jot was Superintendent of; Travis Brothers Livery Stable in Pioche, and the Travis Company stage lines. Jot also had a ranch "on the Pioche road", which I've found the location of- it was south of where the community of Lund was named in 1898 by Mormon colonizers at what we call Sunnyside.

I've been searching newspaper articles from the earliest that I've found Jot Travis's name mentioned in newspapers on <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>, which was in 1870. I've found answers to some of my questions.

TRAVIS, WILSON & CO.'S
HALF DAILY



Stage & Express Line
FROM
HAMILTON TO PIOCHE CITY,

CARRYING WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S EXPRESS. Passing through White River Valley and Patterson, and branching to Silver Park.

Time Reduced
To 22 hours to Pioche, and Passengers and Freight carried at reduced rates.
The traveling public will find this the
QUICKEST AND SHORTEST ROUTE!
Or MONEY RETURNED!

ALSO,
Carrying the U. S. Mail!
Via Patterson, Silver Park and Pioche City, through to Arizona Territory.

Stages Leave Hamilton
EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY,
At 8 o'clock a. m.

Stages Leave Pioche City
EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY,
At 7 o'clock a. m.

For passage or freight, apply at our office, Dexter Stables, Main street, Hamilton, and to J. J. HALPINE & CO., Agents at Pioche City.

au30-tf **W. S. TRAVIS,**
Superintendent.

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Travis, Wilson & Co. are continually adding to their fine display of fast horses and noiseless buggies.

THE RACE, YESTERDAY, over the Sherman-town course, was a very handsome one. We happened to be down that way in a buggy with a friend, and thinking of what a fine location could be got for a reform school, or a church, when suddenly we came to a halt where men were collected in large numbers. We recollected it was the day for the race; and, seeing a man there that we knew, paused for a while, till it stopped raining. **Travis, Wilson & Co.** entered the Allison horse, Glencoe. Miller & Gerow entered Wild Bill. The race was over a straight track, 600 yards—first out to win—\$500 entrance. After a number of failures, both horses got off nicely, and came through at a tearing rate. The race was run by Glencoe, by $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet; and Jot. **Travis** took the money. Both horses behaved splendidly when once under way, and the race was certainly contested to the entire ability of both horses and riders.

A number of scrub races were to be run, but we recollected it was time to be getting ready for Sunday, and took our leave.

'BURNING THE EARTH.'—'Baldy' Green arrived from Pioche yesterday morning, with **Travis** Bro.'s stage, in the unprecedented short time of $22\frac{1}{2}$ hours. 'Baldy' could not have let much grass grow under the feet of his horses, to have staged 180 miles in that time.

TWENTY-TWO HOURS!—Space is annihilated! Day before yesterday the stage of **Travis, Wilson & Co.** arrived here at 6:30 a.m., making the trip from Pioche city in 22 hours.

STAGE FARE TO PIOCHE.—On and after Monday next, the stage fare hence to Pioche will be \$30, by both **Travis, Wilson & Co.'s** and Hatch & Kiplinger's stages.

FOR ELY.—**Travis, Wilson & Co.'s** stage will leave here to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock, via White river, for Ely—time, 24 hours.

STAGE CHANGES.—Travis, **Wilson** & Co. have been carrying the mail and express to Pioche by way of Robinson District, having a contract to serve Mineral City. They are now moving their stock from that route to the White River Valley route, on account of better accommodations and shortened distance. They will put on a short-line stage to Robinson, for that service, and put their fast through line on the White River route, to compete with Hatch & Kiplinger's through line. When both get to running over this route we may look for swift sailing. H. & K. have been making the trip out in 29 hours; but T., W. & Co. say it must come down to 24 hours—which the other company says is perfectly easy.

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MAIL CONTRACT.—Travis, **Wilson** & Co. have received the contract for carrying the U. S. mail between Hamilton, Silver Park, Hiko, and St. Joseph, on the Colorado river.

PET BADGER.—Indian agent Gheen arrived yesterday from Egan Canyon, with a pet badger, which is as tame as a kitten. He proposes to send it to the Smithsonian Institute for scientific assay.

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TRAVIS, WILSON & Co. have changed their stock to the White River route, by which they save a distance of 25 to 30 miles between Hamilton and Pioche City. This, in connection with new coaches and fresh horses, will enable them to make the trip in the shortest time possible. They have reduced rates of fare to such a figure that everybody can go or come. Stages leave Monday and Thursday, at 8 o'clock a. m., prompt. For freight or passage, apply to the agent, at the Dexter Stable office.

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Remember that **Travis, Wilson** & Co.'s stages for Silver Park and Pioche City, will leave Hamilton on Thursday morning, at 8½ o'clock, without fail. Will go through in 22½ hours to Pioche.

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TRAVEL SOUTHWARD.—Pioche City must be an attractive place, for about every third man one meets now-a-days upon the streets, will tell you that he is going there. And to accommodate the rush thither, **Travis, Wilson & Co.** were compelled yesterday to send out two stages—both loaded down—with passengers.

BULLION.—Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped yesterday 893 pounds of bullion, from Ely, to L. L. Robinson, San Francisco; and to J. & W. Seligman, New York, 165 pounds—valued at \$3,108.02. The estimated value of the 6 bags to Robinson, from Ely, was \$6,432.50.

NECK AND NECK.—Both stages came into town from the Railroad yesterday nearly together—Beachey, Wines & Co. being a few minutes ahead. Lively opposition, from which the community will reap all the benefit, promises to be the order of the season.

THE ONLY Fresh Shell Oysters in Hamilton, are to be found at Byrne's old stand, in Perry's Saloon, Main st. Also, Pigs Feet, Sheeps Tongues, and everything else that's good to eat. Fresh oysters by every Express.

STOCK STOLEN.—Somebody has stolen a lot of stock from **Travis, Wilson & Co.**, for the recovery of which they will pay a liberal reward. Look at their advertisement in the proper column, for particulars.

THE ONLY Fresh Shell Oysters in Hamilton, are to be found at Byrne's old stand, in Perry's Saloon, Main st. Also, Pigs Feet, Sheeps Tongues, and everything else that's good to eat. Fresh oysters by every Express.

RACE.—To-day, at 2 p.m., on the track below Shermantown, a race between two well know horses will take place—John Stout owning one of the nages and Atchison brothers the other. Stake \$200 a side.

FARE to Pioche City has been reduced to \$25. **Travis, Wilson & Co.**'s stage leaves here to-morrow (Monday) morning at 8 o'clock—and will go through in less than 24 hours—and no 'blow.'

BULLION.—Wells, Fargo & Co. yesterday shipped from their office in this city to the Bank of California, San Francisco, 3 bars bullion, weighing 256 lbs., value \$4,523.82.

TO PIOCHE.—Travis, **Wilson & Co.**'s stage will leave here to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, carrying passengers for \$25 to Pioche City, and make the trip inside of 24 hours.

same place on the 20th of August.

FOR PISCHE.—Travis, **Wilson** & Co.'s stage will leave here on Monday morning, at 8 o'clock, for Ely, with passengers, freight and mail, making fast time, and good stock all the way. Baldy Green, driver.

THE ONLY Fresh Shell Oysters in Hamilton, are to be found at Byrne's old stand, in Perry's Saloon, Main st. Also, Pigs Feet, Sheeps Tongues, and everything else that 's good to eat. Fresh oysters by every Express.

Travis, Wilson & Co, will dispatch a stage for Robinson, on Monday morning, taking passengers, freight and mail.



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Died.

In San Francisco, Nov. 5, 1876, Dottie, youngest child of E. J. and Hannah **Travis**, aged 2 years and 22 days

IN TOWN.—The *Sentinel* says Jot. **Travis** arrived in that place last Monday from San Francisco, where he has been rustling with the “bulls” and “bears” for the past few months. Jot. arrived here on Tuesday, and was warmly welcomed by his old Hamilton friends. He remained a few days, and then left for his ranch down on the Pioche road, where he expects to remain for a couple of weeks in looking after his stock. If he will stick to the horned cattle he will find more millions in them than in the Bonanza stocks.

Tracking newspaper articles to try to get a timeline of Jot's life in Nevada, the earliest I've found was in 1870.

HAMILTON AND PIOCHE



STAGE LINE!
CARRYING
The U. S. Mail & W. F. & Co.'s Express.

LEAVES HAMILTON ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY, at 8 o'clock a. m. Arrives at Pioche on TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 8 o'clock a. m. Leaves Pioche on MONDAY and THURSDAY, at 8 o'clock a. m. Arrives at Hamilton TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 8 o'clock a. m.

This is the only established line to Pioche, via Robinson and Patterson. Smoothest and quickest route.

Also, a branch line from Patterson to Silver Park, making close connection with our regular stages.

Our road is double stocked with 6-horse changes.

Satisfaction guaranteed to passengers, or money refunded.

TRAVIS, WILSON & CO., Proprietors.

Our **FAST FREIGHT LINE** will be established in eight days. Merchants in Pioche, Silver Park, and intermediate points, will find it to their advantage to mark goods 'Care **TRAVIS, WILSON & CO.,** Fast Freight.'

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Gilmer & Salisbury were not in the advertisements for stagecoach businesses in the 1870's, but in 1872, Jot Travis was the Superintendent for Gilmer & Salisbury. Travis brothers also owned a livery stable in Pioche in 1872.

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THE DAILY STAGE.—**Jot Travis**, the energetic agent of the Hamilton line, arrived in town yesterday. He tells us that a large amount of fresh stock has been brought on the road from Johnson's ranch, and is now being distributed along the road. In a short time the organization of the new line will be completed. Mr. **Travis** is entitled to much credit for the efforts he is making to accomodate the increasing travel to and from this city.

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THE STAGE LINES.—We were favored yesterday with calls from Messrs. Gilmer & Salisbury, the well known proprietors of the Salt Lake and Montana stage lines, and also part proprietors of the Hamilton line. These gentlemen are out on a tour of inspection. They informed us that improvements were contemplated in the Salt Lake route, both in vehicles and stock. Having two daily lines, one to Salt Lake and the other to Hamilton, the citizens of Pioche can communicate with both the East and West as rapidly as can be expected for a locality as isolated as Pioche. In the course of our interview with the above named gentlemen we took the opportunity of expressing our thanks for the public spirit of the Messrs. **Travis** in organizing the daily line at an earlier date than was at first promised. Quick and regular communication with the centres of business is one of the most important aids to the developments and the prosperity of our mining interests.

DAILY STAGE.
— ON AND AFTER —
OCTOBER 23, 1872,
GILMER & SALISBURY
— WILL RUN A —
DAILY LINE
— OF —
CONCORD COACHES
— BETWEEN —
Hamilton and Pioche,
Carrying Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express and the
United States Mails.
o23-t5 **JOT. TRAVIS,** Superintendent.

DEXTER

LIVERY SALE AND FEED STABLES,

Meadow Valley street,

PIOCHE..... NEVADA

Travis & Bro., Proprietors.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND AND
to let on short notice, Teams,
Buggies, and Saddle Horses.



— ALSO —

A Fine Hearse, with careful at-
tendants,

Horses Bought and Sold.

At Auction or by Private Sale.



STOCK BOARDED



By the Day or Week, and carefully groomed.
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RUNAWAY.—Yesterday, after the Salt Lake stage had unloaded at the Express office, and while the driver was turning the team to go to the stable, the horses took a notion to run, and off they went down Main street to Lacour. On turning into the latter street, the turn was so sudden as to throw the driver, Jerry Bryant, from his seat. He fell on a pile of building stone and received considerable bodily injury. His arm was broken, had bruises and cuts, besides other hurts. He was taken into Burrage's drug store and attended to by Dr. Deal. After dumping the driver in this unceremonious way, the team, which evidently had made up their minds that they did not care whether school or the road was kept or not, dashed on till they past the Court House, when the stage was overturned and the team brought to a halt. Wes. Travis, who, it must be admitted, can run well after a stage—if he can't beat Kane—had followed the runaways on horseback and came up just in time to secure the horses. He, with the aid of the crowd, righted the stage, adjusted things generally and drove team into town, with no particular damage to horses or team save breaking a few spokes. The driver's injuries, as before stated, are quite severe, and from the violence in which he was thrown off the precise extent of his hurts may not be ascertained for a day or two.

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JOT TRAVIS, Superintendent of Gilmer & Salisbury's stage lines, arrived last evening from Salt Lake.

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RACES YESTERDAY. — A spirited race came off yesterday at the Four-mile track. The horses both belonged to Wes Travis. They were backed and run by Jot Travis and Cinque Barnes. A controversy arising as to their relative powers of speed, a banter of \$500 was made and taken. The switch-tailed sorrel backed by Jot Travis won the race and money.

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PAYMENT OF THE MONTANA WAR CLAIMS.—The passage of the law authorizing the payment of the Montana war claims, for services rendered and supplies furnished in the campaign against the Yellowstone tribes in 1867, causes considerable rejoicing in this part of the country. A number of the claimants are citizens of Pioche, and their vouchers are for such supplies as General Hardie, in his report, most especially recommended for payment. Our townsman and Sheriff, Wes, Travis, holds vouchers for horses furnished the cavalry department to the amount of nearly \$100,000.

\$100,000 in 1873 is worth \$2,558,550 today

The rate of inflation: Value of \$100,000 from 1873 to 2023

\$100,000 in 1873 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$2,558,550 today, an increase of \$2,458,550.00 over 150 years. The dollar had an average inflation rate of 2.18% per year between 1873 and today, producing a cumulative price increase of 2,458.55%. This means that today's prices are 25.59 times as high as average prices since 1873, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index. A dollar today only buys 3.908% of what it could buy back then.

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JOT TRAVIS brought in two horse thieves by last night's Hamilton's stage. "Flying Dutchman" is the name of one of the adventurers, we are informed.

"Flying Dutchman" was George Lambert, the man who I have put stories together about in another book. He was the head man of a gang of horse thieves that were found to be hiding the horses they stole in the Snowball Mountains south of the Fish Creek Ranch.

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papers and provisions by every express.

THE Grand Jury will probably be discharged day after to-morrow. They have been in session about 20 days. We understand their investigations have been unusually searching.

■ THE Hamilton stage started out yesterday with six healthy and spirited horses. **Jot Travis** was himself handling the ribbons.

Stage Matters.

The following from the White Pine *News* of yesterday is of local interest :

In conversation with **Jet Travis**, of the enterprising firm of **Travis & Co.**, running stages from this point to Pioche, we gathered many important facts bearing upon the rumored change of base of their line. It is undoubtedly true that Len Wines and W. L. Pritchard intend to put on a line of passenger coaches from Palisade to Pioche, via Eureka, to run along the western slope of White Pine mountain; but it is not true that either Woodruff & Ennor or Travis & Co. will change from their present route. We are pleased to note this fact, and, from the fact of their having possession of the mail contract to run through Hamilton, which does not expire until June, we can anticipate but small diversion of Pioche travel. Lively times may be anticipated at Eureka, however, as all the travel must pass through that point before going south, and the fares be reduced, as is always the case. We could ill afford to lose the business brought to us by these two lines, and are sincerely glad that no such danger at present exists.

I did an extensive study of the building of the Eureka Palisade Railroad, which was privately built by stagecoach companies. In the study, the records and newspaper stories also tell the story of the Elko to Hamilton Railroad that was never built. Much was happening in Eureka in 1873. 2023 is the 150th anniversary of when Eureka became a separate county from Lander County.

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DECEASED.—Fred. C. Dahl, a brother-in-law of **Jot. Travis**, of this place, died on Tuesday last. For a long time deceased has been suffering from that deadly disease, consumption, and at last succumbed to its effects. The young man was one highly respected and much honored among all who knew him, and we can heartily sympathize with his relatives in their affliction. The funeral was largely attended, and evidenced the esteem in which deceased was held by our community.

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SUCCESSOR.—Mr. Taylor, formerly a driver of Woodruff & Ennor, has assumed the duties of agent for **Travis & Co's** stage line, in place of Geo. P. McConkey. Mr. Taylor is well known as a reliable and energetic stage man, and has always been a favorite with the traveling public.

In April 1873 Travis and Company's stage line was running.

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PERSONAL.—**Jot Travis** and family leave us this morning for Salt Lake, where they remain for a short time, and then go to Washington City to spend the Winter.

FAILED TO ARRIVE.—At 10 o'clock last night the Hamilton stage had not arrived. The failure is attributed to the late snow storm.

I don't know where Washington City was mentioned as the place where Jot and his family spent the winter, perhaps it was in southern Utah. I think the main office for Gilmer & Salisbury was in Salt Lake City, Utah. They had stagecoach/mail routes all over the west.

In the following story about the stage wreck, I had assumed that Mrs. Brown was the woman in Eureka who owned the Brown Hotel (Jackson House), but there were several families of Browns who were not related to her.

STAGE UPSET.—Yesterday morning **Jot Travis** received a telegram from Hamilton, informing him of the accident to the Cherry Creek stage. When Mr. **Travis** received the telegram the Hamilton stage had left nearly an hour, but he immediately set off on horseback, and overtook the stage. The account of the accident will be found in our telegraphic dispatches. It is supposed that the injured lady, Mrs. Brown, will die, and the others are quite seriously hurt.

PASSED THROUGH.—**Jot Travis** and wife passed through town on Sunday's stage, en route for their home in Pioche.

HAMILTON STAGE.—The stage from Hamilton arrived yesterday afternoon, bringing as passengers **Jot Travis**, wife and child and Mrs. Caldwell. The stages on this line are making good time now, yesterday's stage getting in by half-past 3 o'clock.

Wesley Travis was the first child, born in 1870. The 2nd child, Harvey, was born in 1872 and died in 1873. Edna Pauline was born 14 October 1874, so the child above would have been Wesley, who is most likely the child in the picture that was found in the attic of the house built by Jot Travis in Eureka too. As I've mentioned to people who question children who were dressed in dresses as being a male child, that was a normal thing they did back then. I have quite a few pictures of male babies/toddlers who were dressed in dresses.

A Serious Accident.

[Eureka Sentinel, August 25th.]

The stage leaving Hamilton for Cherry Creek, on Monday last, met with a serious accident that afternoon soon after leaving Robinson, 45 miles distant from the former place. Just after the stage had reached the summit of the hill and was descending the steep grade, one of the whiffletrees came off and the animals becoming frightened started on a full run. The driver managed to keep them in the road until reaching the foot of the grade, where the road turns in a sharp curve, when all control over the horses was lost. The stage was violently upset and all the occupants, save one, a Chinaman, sustained severe injuries. Mrs. Brown, of Eureka, had a thigh broken and her skull badly fractured. Her injuries are supposed to be fatal. Her son-in-law, Hon. O. H. Gray, received a slight cut on the head. Daniel Patterson, Sheriff of White Pine county, was badly cut and bruised about the face and head. The driver, named Joe Evans, had his right arm broken. The stage is a complete wreck. The first news of the accident reached Hamilton at 11 o'clock Monday night, being brought in by a messenger, named Wood, and immediately after Postmaster Harvey Carpenter and Dr. Thomas left to render aid to the injured. Yesterday morning a party of citizens also left to render such assistance as might be needed. O. H. Gray, one of the passengers injured, mounted one of the horses and proceeded to Cherry Creek for medical aid, and at the same time Mr. Wood left for Hamilton. The injured parties were taken to

Robinson as speedily as possible, and a carriage sent out to bring in Sheriff Patterson to Hamilton. Mrs. Brown, who is reported fatally injured is a resident of this place, and left here last Sunday morning for Cherry Creek on a visit to her daughter. At last accounts she was still living, but insensible. Her recovery is regarded as extremely doubtful. The lady has been very unfortunate of late, having lost her property here by being swept away by the July flood, and now meeting with an accident from which it is doubtful she will survive. The stage was being drawn by two horses at the time the accident occurred, and forms part of the line owned by Jot Travis.

Track-laying is progressing at the rate of about one mile a day.

An additional force of Celestials has been brought from California, and is now at work on the grade.

It is the intention of the company to have the locomotive at Alpha by the 20th of next month. Extreme cold weather will only prevent it being done.

A temporary station is to be established opposite Mineral Hill, which will serve as a passenger station, when completed. The stage will stop at this point some time next week.

Sufficient iron and spikes are on hand so as to not delay the construction of the road.

Gilmer & Salisbury were partners in getting the Narrow Gauge Eureka Palisade Railroad built. Jot Travis would have been involved with them too. The other thing they were involved in was a mine at Secret Canyon, south of Eureka.

PRISONERS EN ROUTE.—Sheriff **Jot Travis** and Mr. Craigie passed through last evening en route to Carson, having in charge three prisoners destined for the State Prison. The convicts are Chandlon and Robinson, sentenced to one year each, and Ferguson, for 14 years. The former two were convicted of grand larceny, and the latter for killing Robert Ash. The prisoners seemed to be in good spirits, and speak in the highest praise of those having them in charge, for the kind treatment received at their hands. Ferguson thinks that he was lucky in not being sent for life, and hopes to be pardoned in the course of a few years. The party left last night on the stage for Palisade, and expect to arrive at their destination to-morrow morning.

It says Sheriff Jot Travis, but it was his brother who was the Pioche Sheriff. Jot worked for him as a Deputy Sheriff.

RACE.—Dan Morris and **Jot Travis** have made a race between their favorite horses for \$100 a side. The distance is 400 yards, and will take place on the 25th of the present month, near the Three-mile House. We don't like to encourage betting, but we can't help investing in this race. We won't bet personally, but Harvey Carpenter holds our collaterals, and he can be interviewed.

Jot Travis and family arrived here from Pioche on Thursday last. **Jot** has been East to purchase horses, and we are informed succeeded in getting some very fine stock. We regret to learn that he lost a horse at Salt Lake which cost him \$1,000.

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FINE HORSES.—The band of horses purchased in the Eastern States some weeks since by **Jot Travis** is expected to arrive to-morrow at this place, when they will be offered for sale at prices within the means of all who desire to make such purchases. The animals were selected by **Jot** with a special view of what manner of horses are required in this part of the country. Among the lot are a number of fine draft horses and roadsters suitable for all kinds of work and warranted to be sound in limb and body. Those desiring to secure one or more good animals should inspect the band when it arrives.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FINE HORSES!

A Rare Chance

TO PURCHASE

FINE ROAD and DRAFT HORSES

JOT. TRAVIS WILL ARRIVE IN **EUREKA** on or about the 12th inst. with his

Band of American Horses!

Lately purchased in the East.

The lot comprises

—THE—

Finest Horses Ever Brought

TO EUREKA!

AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF AT

—THE—

LOWEST PRICES.

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FINE HORSES FOR SALE.—During a visit to the East, some weeks since, **Jot. Travis** purchased a large number of fine road and draft horses, which will arrive here on the 12th instant and the entire band offered for sale at the most reasonable prices. Among the lot are several fine roadsters, which will no doubt be sought after by those who desire to possess a good traveling team. The draft-horses were purchased especially for this country. All the animals are in fine order and in sound health. Those who intend making such purchases would do well to await the coming of **Jot** and his band of horses, as they will be able to make a choice from a lot of as fine animals as were ever brought to this town.

FINE TEAMS.—**Jot Travis** was on the streets yesterday driving a number of fine buggy teams which he has for sale. The horses are from Missouri, are fine roadsters and should satisfy any one who desires to purchase a buggy team. He has also for sale a number of draft horses, suitable for all kinds of work.

GOERS.—Sweeney lately purchased from **Jot. Travis** the celebrated travelers Tom Thumb and General Beauregard. The price paid was \$1,000 for the naked horses, or about 65 cents a pound gross for the two. They are pacers. Together they go their mile (so Sweeney says) in 2:50, though Thumb is capable of doing much better singlehanded. He, according to the same authority, has a record of 2:26. We took a spin behind them last night with the "Irrepressible" handling the reins. The "Irrepressible" is a reckless driver of any kind of stock, and when he gets his new pacers out, as might be expected, he simply sends 'em for all they are worth. After bobbing over those ridges and rough places along Main street, with scarcely time to catch your breath between jolts, if a fellow don't experience something akin to seasickness, we don't want a cent. Over that particular course those pacers can turn one's liver more double somersaults than any other team in Nevada.

vere shock.

CHANGE OF ROUTE.—Gilmer & Salisbury, proprietors of the stage line running between this place and Pioche, have been making a change in the route, and now run by Emigrant Springs, **Jot Travis'** ranch, to Pritchard's road, and from thence to Pioche by the way of Bristol. The change has been made to avoid Patterson mountain.

From the article, Jot Travis's ranch would have been south of what became the town of Lund in 1898; past Emigrant Springs, which is the ranch we know to be the Riordon Ranch, and it was before the Bristol Wells Road, which was called Pritchard's Road.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE WILLOWS.

The feature of the sports at the Willows Course yesterday was the trotting race, mile heats, best three in five. The entries were as follows: Jot Travis entered Sorrel Dick, Gus. Botto entered Arline, and Mr. Converse, Eberhardt. Before the start Eberhardt met with an accident by bolting which destroyed his chances for the purse. The first heat was taken by Dick in 3:22 $\frac{3}{4}$, with Arline second. The next two heats were won by Arline, in 3:04 and 3:01. Eberhardt was distanced on the fourth heat. At this stage of the proceedings matters became interesting between Dick and Arline, and the boys piled up their coin very freely. The mare having two heats it was a great favorite, and nearly everybody on the track, save Jot Travis, perhaps, thought she was sure to win the race. That the friends of the mare were sadly mistaken is proven by the fact that Dick captured the next two heats. Time, 3:00 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 3:01 $\frac{1}{2}$. This concluded the race, and, in fact, all racing for this meeting. In our intercourse with those who attended we have heard nothing but the highest praise of the Messrs. Hardy Brothers, the proprietors of the course. They put forth extra exertions to please everybody, and there can be no doubt that they succeeded in a marked degree. There is some talk about town of match races, and it is barely possible that there will be more racing before the owners of fast horses go home.

Horse racing was a big deal. The Willows Race Track, where they are talking about, was about 7 miles northwest of Eureka. I'm not sure exactly where it was located, but I think it is the place owned for a long time by Steve and Sharon Auch, now owned by Chad and Rosie Garaventa Bliss.

Jot was big into horse racing.

THE SICK.—Mrs. Wm. Pardy has been quite sick, but is now improving. Mrs. **Jot Travis** is reported to be very sick. Mrs. Geo. P. McConkey had a slight attack of scarlet fever, but has recovered. Mr. Quann, who has had pneumonia, is able to be about again. Frank L. Mott, the pony express rider, has entirely recovered from his late attack of pneumonia.

Obituary.

Through the kindness of Mr. Orr, stage driver between Eureka and Hamilton, we learn of the death of Joe Travis yesterday morning, at 4 o'clock at the Six Mile House, where the deceased resided with his family, a wife and five children, and kept the stage station. About a month ago Mr. Travis was plowing with a spirited team with the lines thrown over his back when a single-tree broke. The plow stuck in the ground, and he was drawn violently over it. In the concussion he received a serious wound to the bladder, from which he suffered dreadfully until relieved by death at the hour named. Dr. Thoma was called to see him Monday night. The doctor tells us that at that time the case of the patient had become hopeless, and that he was then actually dying. The deceased was a cousin to Jot Travis, who has been telegraphed to concerning the sad death of his relative, a worthy man of middle age, who leaves a large family in distress over his untimely taking off.

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STILL ADVANCING.

The Eureka Troops Pierce the Heart of the In- dian Country.

ONE DAY'S MARCH FROM CLEAVLAND'S RANCH.

Some Mention of the Situation.

[From the Sentinel's Special War Correspondent.]

CARNAHAN'S RANCH,
Steptoe Valley, Sept. 9. }

The Eureka detachment arrived at this point about an hour ago. It was our intention to cross the mountains and endeavor to make Cleavland's ranch to-night, but the condition of the roads on the mountain is such it was deemed advisable to take no chances of being caught by the night in the mountains and make a dry camp, so it was decided to remain here until to-morrow morning, when the detachment will move at 5 o'clock, and tackle the bad portion of the road in the cool of the morning.

Pat. Carroll, formerly of the White Pine News, has just arrived here from Cleavland's ranch, having left there this morning. He crossed the mountains alone, taking a direct course, and avoiding all roads and trails. He reports about 90 men at the ranch. They are mostly from Pioche, Cherry Creek, Hamilton, and from the other ranches in the valley. They are awaiting the arrival of the military, to know what course to pursue.

I presume you have information ere this that the press dispatch received in Eureka last Saturday, to the effect that 500 Indians had assembled in Spring valley, was erroneous. Since the first troubles the Goshutes vacated the valley, and but few, if any, have been seen in that vicinity since, certainly in no considerable body.

Mr. Carroll informs me that Indian Agent Levi Gheen had an interview with a band of 25 or 30 Goshutes at Snake valley. Their chief, "Gunnison" or "Gunestie," expresses his desire to remain upon friendly relations with the whites. He represented that the murderer of Tolan was a bad Indian and a renegade, for whose acts his band was not responsible. He moreover volunteered to effect his capture, and sent some of his men out for that purpose, and the probabilities are that he will be brought into camp and surrendered to the whites.

It is impossible to predict the result of this matter, nor will I attempt it until our arrival at Spring valley, when I will send you an account of the condition of affairs there as they appear to me, together with their causes and probable effect.

The boys are all well and in excellent spirits. Their appetites have undergone no perceptible set-back. They have just shot a yearling calf, which Tommy Kelly and Bob Mellon are now skinning, and it's dollars to doughnuts that at sundown a sufficient quantity of the carcass of the juvenile bovine to furnish material for a gnat's breakfast will not be visible to the naked eye.

But our messenger is about to leave for Robinson, so I must close. You will hear from me next at Cleave's.

HERRICK.

OH, THIS CRUEL WAR!

THE PIOCHE TROOPS RETURN.

What the Pioche Papers Have to Say About the War.

A Miscellaneous Mass of Intelligence from the Southeast.

"Nary" a Hostile "Ingun" in the Country--Things and Things, Etc.

We append from the Pioche papers the following information concerning the White Pine Indian war. We don't stop to credit the respective journals, but shove in everything from each, just as we happen to strike paragraphs bearing upon the subject. Here is what we find:

Mr. O'Dougherty and myself have just returned from Cleavland's ranch, the place of the reported Indian troubles, and for the purpose of allaying public excitement I think it my duty to state that we carefully investigated the causes of this excitement and found that they have not only been greatly exaggerated, but that in fact they have been to some extent groundless, as the following truthful statement will show: Two miners were prospecting about 30 miles from Cleavland's. One of these named Jim Toland was shot by an outcast Indian, who, on account of his quarrelsome disposition and supposed insanity, had been separated from his tribe. When the companion of the slain prospector came to Cleavland's and announced the killing of his comrade, without due reflection couriers were dispatched to the farmers of Spring valley to inform them that the Indians were up in arms to massacre the whites. There was no

foundation for this alarm, as at that very time some of the Indians who were supposed to be up in arms were working on the ranches to which the couriers were sent, while others were up in the mountains gathering pine nuts and without knowledge of what had occurred. This was the first intimation the great body of the Indians had of the killing of the prospector by their tribe. The coming of the messenger and the report of the killing of a white man by one of themselves caused a panic among them, and they fled to the mountains for no other purpose than the dread of retaliation on the part of the whites. While endeavoring to escape, under the influence of this panic, an Indian who was working on a ranch was arrested by a white man, who attempted to take his gun from him. In the struggle which ensued the Indian's gun went off, without doing any injury, but the Indian was immediately shot down. Another Indian was arrested and brought to Cleavland's ranch, but on seeing armed men around he attempted to fly from the guard, when he was also shot down. Since then no Indians have been seen in the neighborhood, as they have fled terror-stricken to the fastnesses of the mountains. No hostile demonstration was made by the Indians either before or after the unhappy occurrence referred to. None of the property on the ranches vacated by the frightened whites was injured or disturbed by the Indians. In fact, there was no act done that could be recognized as an in-

tention of hostility or massacre. No body of Indians had ever threatened Cleavland's ranch or any other ranch; or, as far as we could learn, had warned the settlers to leave their ranches. I have, therefore, no hesitation in saying that the dispatch sent to Pioche, stating that 500 Indians had surrounded Cleavland's ranch, was false; and that the other dispatches that created so much alarm were uncalled for. I should here state that the death of one of the white men reported killed was caused by an accidental shot by one of his own party, who mistook him for an Indian. To corroborate my opinion that there was no premeditated hostility on the part of the Indians, I may here state that 27 of them who were supposed to be in arms, have surrendered themselves to the whites and sought their protection.

ANDY FIFE,
Sheriff of Lincoln county.

From Mr. O'Dougherty, one of the party who left here last Sunday for Spring valley, at which place it was announced, by dispatches received here, that a party of 500 Indians had surrounded the ranch of A. C. Cleavland, and that two white men had been murdered by the hostile savages, etc., etc., Mr. O'Dougherty states that the cause of the great farce (as it could not be called anything else), was that a prospector, who was out in the mountains in search of claims, had been shot accidentally by an Indian, who was traveling with him. When the dead man was brought to Spring valley by the Indians the settlers became greatly excited, and said that the Indians were on the war path, as they were congregated in great numbers on one of the mountains, and that they were holding a council of war. That was not so; the Indians were not holding a council of war, but they were busily engaged in gathering pine nuts for their Winter store; and as this is the time of the year when they gather pine nuts they all assembled at that one mountain, as the nuts are more plentiful there than in other places.

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getting ready for war, did not know what to make of it, and in order to show that there was no truth in the rumor, they came into Spring valley and surrendered themselves. The excitement then immediately subsided, and the settlers returned to their usual labors. The dispatches received here from Cherry Creek, and signed by Cleavland, were not authoritative, and Mr. Cleavland says he did not know anything about them. On the whole, this Indian bubble was a very empty one, and like the many other scares that are got up about those noble red men, there was nothing in it.

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Some of the men who went out on Tuesday after the Indians, came to town yesterday afternoon. They say they visited every settlement within 30 miles of this place and saw no Indians nor signs of any. They report the rumors brought to town by excited people living on the ranches in the valleys, as all a scare, and that there was no truth whatever in the reports. The people have all gone back to their homes and quiet is now restored, and no fears of any kind are now entertained of the Indians.

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From official quarters we learn that the stage is in no danger and that there was no cause in the least for any delay in its arriving on time. Some Indians working on ranches at White River, ten miles from Shingle Springs, went over to the latter place to find out what the cause of the trouble was that they had heard of. The agent at that place became scared at the sight of the Indians and left immediately for Emigrant Springs, and told the story to the coach driver, who had just arrived there, and he became scared and stayed there. The stage is expected in this afternoon.

Mr. Greenleaf and family, who came to Pioche on Tuesday on account of the threatening of the Indians at Patterson, left yesterday morning for their home at that place. It is thought the Indians have left that section altogether. Horace Beene accompanied Mr. Greenleaf and family to their ranch, and will stop out there for a few days until quiet is restored.

Yesterday was one of quiet, scarcely

a change of any kind from the regular quiet routine of our town. There was not even a rumor of any kind about the Indians; no one on the war-path. The Salt Lake stage arrived on time, and was not stopped by any of the hostile savages, but the Hamilton stage is feared to have been captured by them, and the driver and horses killed, as it is now overdue 24 hours.

W. C. Glissan, who was wounded by the Indians at Silver Park on Monday, is rapidly recovering from his injuries, and will in a few days be able to be about. The wounds were very painful during the first day, but the pain has now entirely subsided.

THE "REVEILLE" ON THE INDIAN SCARE.

While the *Reveille* is correct in attributing much of the excitement to the sensational dispatches forwarded by the Commissioners of Lincoln county, it perhaps goes too far in assuming that Leathers and Toland had been guilty of bad faith with the Indians. No evidence has so far been adduced showing any such state of facts, and as Leathers is the only living witness of the killing of Toland, his version of the affair must be accepted as correct. The real motive of the Indian who fired the fatal shot will perhaps never be known:

The County Commissioners of Lincoln county have telegraphed to Governor Bradley, laying the blame of originating the Indian excitement on Cleavland and Murphy, and commenting on those gentlemen and their motives in very severe terms. Now there are two sides to every question, and while Messrs. Cleavland and Murphy were in all probability the originators of the scare, we do not believe that in creating it they were actuated by any sinister motives. It must be taken into consideration that these gentlemen reside in an isolated locality, and when Leathers sought their protection and reported the killing of his partner, they had every reason to expect an attack from the Indians, whom they knew to be warlike and bloodthirsty when aroused. They asked for assistance from Cherry Creek, but we do not believe they had any idea of raising such a widespread excitement as followed. For this, the Commissioners of Lincoln county are really to blame, for it was their dispatches to the Governor that set the thing in motion, and their last dispatch to the Governor looks as though they were seeking to get out of a ridiculous dilemma by thrusting the blame on the shoulders of others.

Some of the California papers are inclined to look upon the affair as a job put up to serve mercenary ends, which is very wide of the mark. Cleavland is not that kind of a man, and Murphy is also well known as a wealthy and respectable citizen, who would scorn to resort to such a dodge to make a little money. The fact of the matter is that there was trouble, and that it was caused by a breach of faith with Indians by Toland and Leathers, and Cleavland would have been less than human to have refused such protection as he could afford to Leathers, who came terror-stricken to his house and reported himself pursued by Indians. It is a pity that Leathers did not share the fate of his companion, for he deserved it, and to him and Toland can be traced directly the cause of the whole trouble.

THE SITUATION.

Private Dispatches from Various Sources—Appeals for Assistance, Etc.

We are permitted to make public the following private telegrams received here yesterday. They illustrate the excited state of the public mind in the places exposed to danger:

HAMILTON, Nev., Sept. 5.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

Gentlemen—We are in receipt of a telegram from A. C. Cleavland and John Murphy, of Spring Valley, White Pine county, to the effect that they are surrounded by Indians and in danger of their lives. Two white men have been killed. Send them assistance if you can. We will do all we can.

H. MOORE, Chairman.
SAM. LIDDLE.

HAMILTON, Sept. 6.

To Smith & Canavan: Great excitement here; reported that 300 Indians have surrounded Patterson and Cave Valley; several men killed; Commissioners of Lincoln county telegraphed to for help; shall stand firm.

O. L. SCOTT.

HAMILTON, Sept. 6.

To Smith & Canavan: Pony rider from Pioche in nine hours behind time. Lost one horse by Indians. **Joe Travis** wrote in for arms and ammunition. Two men and two Indians killed at Patterson. Fight still going on. Ask Lew. Kelly how many stand of arms can be spared.

O. L. SCOTT.
DICK SMITH.

HAMILTON, Sept. 6.

To Smith, Canavan & Dennis: Citizens hold a meeting here at 3 o'clock for protection against Indians. All arms, ammunition and fifteen men left yesterday for seat of war. Will write particulars.

SCOTT & SMITH.

CHERRY CREEK, Sept. 6.

The newspapers were full of the excitement of the "Indian War" for a short period of time, even having a reporter who was a "war correspondent" writing newspaper articles. It didn't take long before they were changing their tune and were writing articles about the whole thing having been blown up. This is what started the whole thing:

HOW GLISSAN WAS WOUNDED.

The Pioche *Journal* has the following:

When about thirteen miles out from the ranch he came upon two Indians and wishing to stop them without any trouble he proceeded to head them off, but his horse became unmanageable and run the Indians down, who, perceiving that he had no advantage over them, shot three arrows at him, two of which took effect—one in the leg and another in the back. The third, it is said, would have proved fatal had it not struck a copper horn flask which hung over his abdomen on the left side, and pierced it through. The wounds are not necessarily fatal, but very painful. The arrows were not poisoned, as was first supposed. The two Indians who made the attack were shot, one killed. The other escaped into the brush and was not pursued. One of them was shot by a man named Johnson, the other by Mr. Glissan, who was unable to get at his revolver at the time being, on account of his horse. A scalp of one of the Indians and the bow and arrows that were shot at the unfortunate man were brought in by him, and are at present at John Cassidy's saloon. We earnestly hope to see Mr. Glissan rapidly recover, as he is a most worthy citizen of Pioche. Dr. Deal informs us that his wounds are not dangerous.

As we expected, and predicted at the time, the Indian who shot Glissan was not on the war-path. He became frightened at the approach of armed white men and tried to get away, but when chased down and overtaken he turned to make the best fight possible. The Indian at Cleavland's ranch and the old fellow at Shoshone district were killed in precisely the same manner. None of them were making war and neither would have been injured had they stood their ground.

From another newspaper article, there was also a Mormon connection with the Indians:

OUR REASONS.

In a brief article in Wednesday's **SENTINEL** we expressed our belief that, notwithstanding the almost ludicrous aspect given the late Indian troubles in the eastern portion of the State by the exaggerated and highly sensational reports sent by telegraph throughout the country from Ploche and Cherry Creek, the people of Spring and Snake valleys had cause for alarm, and that the Indians in that section were preparing for the war-path and were only prevented from attempting the consummation of their bloody purpose by the premature killing of Toland and the escape of Leathers, who gave the alarm and aroused the settlers to a sense of their danger by causing them to give proper consideration, weight and significance to certain acts and warnings, which, until that time, they had not regarded as ominous of approaching danger.

During the Summer, in a number of instances, Indians who were employed upon ranches in Spring valley informed their employers that bands in the mountains, the members of which had been baptized in the Mormon faith, were preparing for an outbreak, and when everything was ready would commence war upon the settlers, whom they intended to drive from the valley, which they had been assured by the Mormon leaders belonged to them, and which they could regain by acting

under their directions. Brigham Young himself, during his last tour through Southern Utah, made speeches in which he said that "the Indians were the Lord's battle-ax, and the time was fast approaching when the weapon would need sharpening." The Mormon Bishop at Deep Creek had been busily engaged for months baptizing the members of the bands upon the borders of the Territory and State; imposing upon their superstition by the assurance that the ceremony conferred a charm which rendered their bodies impervious to the bullets of their enemies, thereby enabling them to engage with safety in battles and rendering them invincible in war. For six weeks previous to the murder of Toland, Indians employed upon ranches in Spring valley had received messages from Gunister, their chief, who was in the mountains, to join him there. Sometimes these messages would be repeated several times before they were obeyed, and generally at last were accompanied by threats which invariably had the effect of enforcing obedience to the order, so that at the time of the killing there was scarcely an Indian in the valley. In some instances they left with considerable sums of money due them without demanding payment; an anomalous Indian proceeding, which in itself proved

that something unusual was in progress. Gunister, contrary to his usual custom, had for a long time remained away from the valley, and had been frequently in consultation with "Peannum," Chief of the Warm Creek band, and "Canawah," Chief of the Corn Creek tribe, all of whom with the members of their bands, are in full fellowship with the Mormons, having been baptized in that faith by the bishop at Deep Creek. All of these chiefs had been busy gathering in their warriors, and for several months had been extraordinarily active in procuring arms and ammunition. It is folly to assert that all these things portended no danger to the settlers, or, at least, that they were not sufficiently significant to justify them in taking precautions for their safety. Gunister, when captured, admitted that he had heard that the other bands were preparing for an outbreak, and that they were acting under the instructions of the Mormon leaders, but, of course, denied that he or his band had any connection with it, a denial which loses considerable of its force when considered with the fact that a few days before the murder of Toland a number of his Indians, in a most peremptory and threatening manner, notified a number of settlers to leave Snake valley in two days, an order which would probably have been enforced had not the

notified persons taken such measures for their mutual protection as convinced the redskins that an attempt to dislodge them at that time would be attended with considerable danger. Our information was received from reliable sources, and we are firmly convinced that at the time of the murder of Toland the Indians were preparing for the war path but were not at that time quite ready; that "Tobe," the murderer, was aware of the intended uprising, and, being an ambitious fellow, concluded to make himself a "big Injun" by taking time by the forelock and

getting away with a couple of white men before the general hostilities commenced; but the escape of Leathers frustrated his plans and was the death-blow to the intended outbreak. This opinion we believe to be justified by the fact and we give it with some of our reasons in justice to the people of the lately disturbed section, who have been subjected to a great deal of unmerited censure by a portion of the press of this State and California.

In regard to the charges against A. C. Cleavland and Dan. Murphy, they are entirely without foundation. They neither of them started nor are in any manner responsible for the sensational reports which were sent from the telegraph offices of Pioche and Cherry Creek. They were defenseless when they had reason to believe that they were about to be attacked by hostile Indians; a belief which was shared by all the settlers in the valley, who evinced their sincerity by betaking themselves with their families to Cleavland's ranch for protection, leaving their crops to be destroyed by stock during their absence. They sent to Cherry Creek for arms, ammunition and a few men, as any persons would have done under the circumstances. The exaggerated reports sent by telegraph are attributable to other sources, and to the Commissioners of Lincoln county more than any one else are the people of the State indebted for the big

"scare" and the expense entailed in calling out the troops by Governor Bradley. They probably acted in good faith, but it ill-becomes them to heap abuse upon others for the tempest which they themselves erected. The idea that Mr. Cleavland got up a scare for "speculation," is too absurd for serious comment. He had from seventy-five to one hundred persons on his hands for a couple of weeks, and is probably a couple of thousand dollars out of pocket for provisions, forage, arms, ammunition, etc., with no chance even to get a quarter of a dollar of it back. Setting fire to one's own house upon which there was no insurance would be a parallel case of "speculation."

In the newspapers at the same time in September 1875, Jot Travis was preparing horses to run in horse races at the State Fair in Reno, Nevada.

ENTRIES FOR THE RACES.

The following entries for the races over the Willows Course, Friday and Saturday next, were made last night:

In the trotting race, mile and repeat, on Friday, Sept. 10, Richard Guiberson enters Mormon Chief, James M. Kellogg enters Eureka Scourer, F. Gorman enters Black Bess, and Jos. Darns enters Silver Tail.

Running race, one-half mile and repeat—Samuel Dunbar enters sorrel horse Oneida, Mr. Tetus enters sorrel horse Tyler, and W. H. Sweeney enters Fred.

The entries in the three in five trotting race, by consent of owners of horses, was postponed until the day of the race, owing to the absence of **Jot Travis**, who has a horse in training at the track. This race may not fill at all, inasmuch as **Jot** has gone to the Indian war. It is, however, stated that the horses of Messrs. Botto and Converse will go, in any event, for a private wager.

GONE TO THE FAIR.—**Jot Travis** has shipped several of his fast horses to the Reno State Fair, and yesterday he departed himself in the same direction. **Jot** will also attend the California State Fair, at Sacramento, though his horses will not go further than Reno.

top hair by rushing after hostile Indians.

Jot Travis got in last night from Cave valley, where he owns a ranch, and where he has been stopping all through the Indian excitement. He says all the dispatches about missing pony riders, beleaguered stations and obstructed stages were humbugs in the broadest sense. He says there is not, and has not been a hostile Indian in all the region of country surrounding Patterson and Cave valleys, where hundreds were reported on the war-path. Some of the ranchers heard of the "war" from Pioche and elsewhere and became a little frightened went into the towns for safety, while others remained at home and went on with business as usual, not one being in any way molested. Jot is utterly at a loss to tell how the big scare was gotten up. He thinks the Indians in his section did not know a thing about the wonderful excitement kicked up on their account.

This article is an important piece of the puzzle, because according to Jot Travis, the Indian War was not what it was made out to be. It also says that Jot had a ranch in Cave Valley, which makes me have to rethink where his ranch was. Southern Cave Valley would be where the Bristol Wells Road goes through from where Highway 318 is now at Sunnyside, south of Lund. I think Sunnyside is still part of the White River Valley. Cave Valley is just over the mountain range, but the Egan Mountain Range ends further south. Jot's brother, Josiah Travis (who they also called Joe) did have a ranch in Cave Valley at Haggerty.

The print is dark and not clear to read, but this is from the same newspaper from Gold Hill talking about the expenses of the "Indian War."

GOLD HILL. : MONDAY, SEPT. 13. 1875

**THE INDIAN WAR—A COSTLY AND
CAUSELESS SCARE.**

From the *Elko Independent* of Saturday last we extract the following copy of a telegram sent by the Sheriff and Commissioners of Lincoln county, on Friday last, to His Excellency, Governor Bradley. It confirms what we suspected and expressed some days since regarding this outbreak(?) and puts an end to all further rumors of hostilities. The fiasco will cost the State of Nevada not less than \$50,000 and the General Government a larger sum. Regarding the location of the entire blame of this scare upon Cleveland and Murphy, we are not in full accord with the Lincoln County Commissioners. The two gentlemen named had fully as much reason to be frightened as the Pioche officials, although it does not now appear that they were responsible for any such terrifying dispatches as were sent to Governor Bradley from Pioche. It appears that the whole farce which has been enacted was the legitimate result of disregarding that old and trite adage, "Look before you leap," or, in the words of Davy Crockett, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead." But here is the telegram alluded to:

Pioche, Nev., Sept. 11, 1875.—To L. R. Bradley, Governor of Nevada; to whom it may concern: We, the undersigned, have, in accordance with the request of A. C. Cleveland, Daniel Murphy and others, of White Pine county, made a forced march from Pioche to the scene of the reported Indian war. We reached the vicinity of where the dispatches stated that Indian depredations had been committed, but there were no hostile Indians there. There were none in the county, and has not been a single Indian on the war-path in Eastern Nevada during any of the time of this excitement. The entire matter was a fabrication, manufactured by Cleveland and other persons, sending and causing dispatches to be forwarded to us. We denounce the entire transaction as false, soulless, wicked, contemptible, mercenary truck, concocted by men who have so disgraced themselves as to be beneath our contempt. The country is in as peaceable a condition as it ever was, and all reports of Indian hostilities are false in substance and in fact. There is not and has not been any danger from Indians along either road leading to Pioche, nor in the surrounding valleys. We publish this that all may know the extent of the deception and fraud perpetrated by A. C. Cleveland and Daniel Murphy, and those guilty of aiding and abetting their plans to excite the people, and produce a needless and unjustifiable war upon the Indians of Nevada. Witness our hands, at Pioche, Nevada, September 10, 1875.

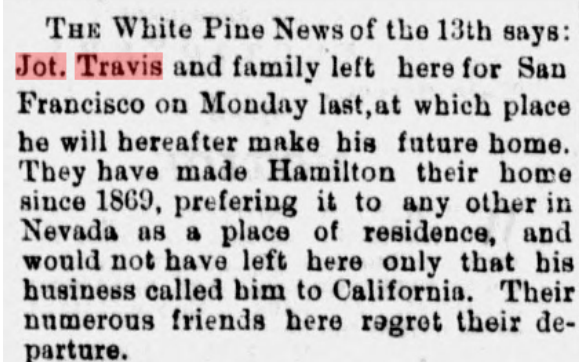
ANDREW FIFE, Sheriff,
D. A. FAULKES,
J. C. LYNCH,
J. C. HOFFMAN,
Committee of Lincoln.

What is most important to me is that it's not stories that I've heard from people that oftentimes are not accurate. My research has been through finding records and newspaper articles that go together. They tell the stories, sometimes not the ways that people would like to know, but the old newspapers told the stories like you were reading a book.

One of the mysteries in the Jot Travis's family's history is why little Edna died at the age of 2 and was buried in California. No one else in the family was buried in California. Finding the newspaper article of the family moving to San Francisco in Nov 1875 put the pieces of the puzzle together.

Edna Pauline Travis was born 14 Oct 1874 and died in San Francisco 5 Nov 1876, one year after the family moved from Nevada.

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THE White Pine News of the 13th says:
Jot. Travis and family left here for San Francisco on Monday last, at which place he will hereafter make his future home. They have made Hamilton their home since 1869, preferring it to any other in Nevada as a place of residence, and would not have left here only that his business called him to California. Their numerous friends here regret their departure.

We still don't know the cause of her death, but the cemetery where she was first buried was not her permanent grave site. Caskets/remains of the people who were buried in that cemetery were moved to a mass grave in another California cemetery. There is no headstone for her.

Gravesite Details

Laurel Hill (SF) cemetery records show she was buried in Laurel Hill in lot 2189 on 7 November 1876. Between 1939 and 1941 those buried in Laurel Hill were re-interred in a mass grave in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park. There is no precise burial place.

Colma, San Mateo County, CA is where Cypress Lawn Memorial Park is located. I've found through researching quite a few early Eureka settlers that there are other people with Eureka connections buried there too.

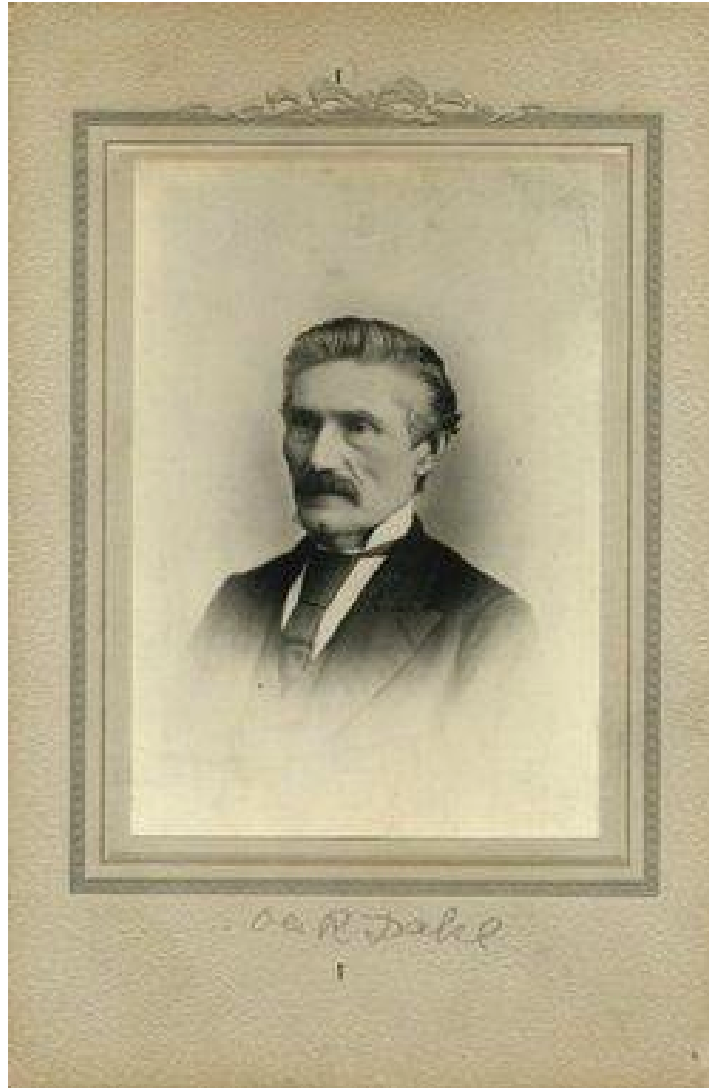
I learned from emailing the Travis family descendant who has done a lot more research on the Travis family and had access to the photos from a nephew of Jot Travis, that he was the person who followed through and had the headstone put by the gate of the cemetery for the little baby boy who died in 1873, Harvey A. Travis.



I recognize the names of several of the Scandinavian early settlers who may have come to Nevada in the early years of mining together, or perhaps they were related. Many Scandinavian people came to the United States because of missionaries from the Mormon Church going to their countries. Many immigrants were part of the trek west with the Mormons to Utah in the 1840's-1850's.

Because of the newspaper article I found of the tragic death of John E. Sorensen and knowing many of his descendants, I was curious to find what I could about him. This is just a tidbit of information. He was an immigrant from Denmark.

I'm still trying to find more about Hannah Dahl Travis's family, but I did find an interesting bit of information about her father.



Ole Rasmussen Dahl

From contributor 'Torkel' Dec. 2 2017:

From Vesterheim.org-DAHL, Ole Rasmussen

WI 15th INF CO B Residence Bloomer Prairie, Chippewa County, WI. Born in Kristiansunds Gjeld, Nordmere, Norway, 19 Jul 1817. Went to sea at age 17. Went to military school in Trondhjem, studying surveying. To America 1854. Civil war age 44. Enlisted for 3 years on Oct. 29 1861 at Chippewa. Spent several weeks recruiting enlistees for the 15th. Mustered 13 Feb. 1862 at Madison, WI. Private. Promoted Quartermaster Sergeant in Company H on 1 Jul 1862. Transferred from Company B to Regimental HQ on 7 Aug 1862. reduced to ranks at his own request on 7 Oct. 1862 and transferred to Co H. Commissioned 2nd Lt. at Co B on 30 Jan 1863, with rank from 20 Jan., and 1st Lt. in Co B at Murfreesboro, Tenn. 15 Mar 1863. Was Quartermaster Officer at Miss. River Island No. 10. Was topographic engineer in 2nd Brigade 1 Mar. 1863; moved to 3rd Brigade May 1863, then to 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, Oct. 1863. Taken prisoner near Morristown, East Tenn., 1 Mar. 1864, then held in Macon, Ga. Mustered out 12 Mar. 1865. Post war: In Nov. 1880, granted pension of

\$17.00 a month for general disability as a result of his prison life. Died in Tomah, Wi. 30 Dec. 1882, buried in Chippewa Falls, Wi. Sources:(WHS Series 1200 boxes 76-10, 78-1; red book vol 20 p 4 p28) (Buslett p373) (Olvestad p257) (Ager p 268, photo; p291; p294) (RWW p808) (Meeker) (Pensioners on the Roll as of January 1 1883 (living in Wi.)_Park Gen. Books, Roseville, Mn., 1998.

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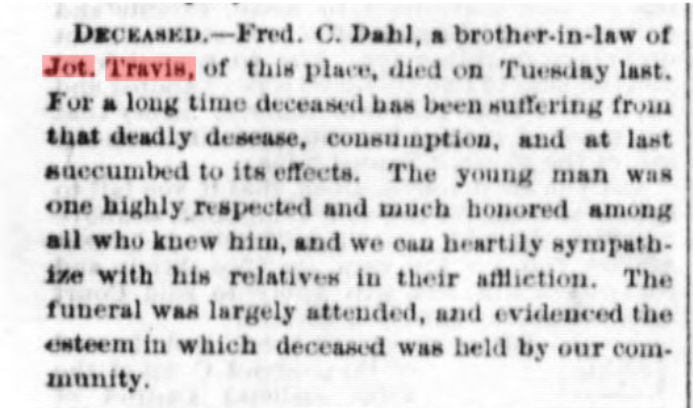
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He was born 19 July 1817 in Oslo, Norway and died 30 Dec 1882 in Chippewa Falls, WI.

Hannah's brother, Frederick Dahl, died in Hamilton:

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DECEASED.—Fred. C. Dahl, a brother-in-law of Jot. Travis, of this place, died on Tuesday last. For a long time deceased has been suffering from that deadly disease, consumption, and at last succumbed to its effects. The young man was one highly respected and much honored among all who knew him, and we can heartily sympathize with his relatives in their affliction. The funeral was largely attended, and evidenced the esteem in which deceased was held by our community.

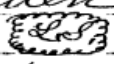
These are records I have found in the Historical Records from Nye County with deeds and tax assessments for properties owned by Jot Travis (E.J) and/or the Travis Brothers. They owned toll roads on the Hamilton to Pioche road at White River and on the Tybo road from Eureka to Tybo.

I found the property descriptions for the place that Jot Travis owned at Sunnyside. It was a Land Grant to begin with. He sold it to George Lewis in 1880.

✓ J. J. Bell } This Indenture made the twenty
second (22nd) day of November, A.D. 1878
✓ E. J. Travis } between J. J. Bell of Downieville
Nye County State of Nevada party
of the first part and E. J. Travis of Eureka Eu-
reka County State of Nevada party of the second
part. Witnesseth, that the said party of the first
part, for and in consideration of the sum of one
thousand (\$1000⁰⁰/₁₀₀) dollars gold coin of the United
States of America, to him in hand paid by the
said party of the second part, the receipt whereof
is hereby acknowledged, has remised, released
and forever quitclaimed, and by these presents
does remise, release and forever quit claim
unto the said party of the second part and to
his heirs and assigns, all that certain Toll Road
known as and called the Tybo Toll Road situated
in the County of Nye and more particularly des-
cribed as follows, to wit: Commencing at the
Station on the Eureka and Tybo Stage road known
as the Willows Station and ending at the six (6)
mile creek on said road, together with all and
singular the tenements, hereditaments and ap-
purtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise
appertaining, and the reversion and reversion, re-
mainder and remainders, rents, issues and
profits thereof, and also, all the estate, right title inter-
est, property, possession, claim and demand whatso-
ever, as well in law as in equity of the said party
of the first part, of in or to the said premises and
every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenan-
ces. To have and to hold, all and singular the
said premises together with the appurtenances, un-
to the said party of the second part his heirs and
assigns forever. In witness whereof the said party

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of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written
J. J. Bell 
 State of Nevada } ss On the Twenty Second day of
 County of Eureka } November A.D. One thousand eight
 hundred and 78 before me L. W.
 Cromer a Justice of the Peace in and for said Eureka
 County, personally appeared the within named J. J.
 Bell, whose name is subscribed to the annexed
 instrument, as a party thereto, personally known to me
 to be the individual described in, and who executed
 the said annexed instrument, and he J. J. Bell
 duly acknowledged to me that he executed the
 same freely and voluntarily and for the uses
 and purposes therein mentioned. In witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and af-
 fixed my seal, in said County, the day and
 year in this certificate first above written.
L. W. Cromer
 Justice of the Peace.
 Recorded at the request of E. J. Travis Dec 25 1878 at 49 min past 8 A.M.
Geo. Ernst Recorder
By George Ernst

Notice the signature of George Ernst at the bottom of the deeds.

The following is the government Land Grant record that I think was from 1873 that would be where Pam Jensen lives, and/or where the Fish and Game place is on the highway before the turn off to the Hot Creek swimming hole.

State of Nevada

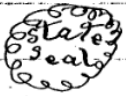
To
E. J. Travis

} Application No 2287, Registers Certificate No 1430
Acres 160, The State of Nevada. To all to
whom these presents shall come greeting,

Whereas E. J. Travis of White Pine County Nevada has deposited
with the Register of the State Land Office at Carson City
the State Treasurers receipt whereby it appears that full

payment has been made by the said E. J. Travis according
to the provisions of the Act of the Legislature, approved
March 5th 1873, entitled "An Act to provide for the selection
and sale of lands that have been or may hereafter be granted
by the United States to the State of Nevada," for the west
half of the southeast quarter of Section twenty-nine (29) and
the north half of the north east quarter of Section thirty-two
(32); all in Township seven (7) North, Range sixty-two (62)
East Mount Diablo base and meridian, containing one
hundred & sixty Acres, according to the Official Plat of the
survey of the Public Lands, as made by the United States Sur-
veyor General for the District of Nevada, which said tract
has been purchased by the said E. J. Travis, wherefore, know ye,
that the State of Nevada, in consideration of the premises, and
in conformity with the Act of the Legislature, in such case

made and provided, has given and granted, and by these presents does give and grant unto the said E.J. Travis and to his heirs, the said tract above described, To Have and to Hold the same, together with all rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging unto the said E.J. Travis and to his heirs and assigns forever.



In testimony whereof, I, J.W. Adams - Acting Governor of the State of Nevada, have caused these letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, Given under my hand at Carson City this, the twenty ninth day of June 1880

By the Governor J.W. Adams Acting Governor

Jaspar Babcock Secretary of State

A. Hatch Land Register By

J.N. Fossett Deputy

Recorded at request of Council for October 26th 1880 at 1 P.M.

George Ernst
Recorder

Again, the signature of George Ernst is at the bottom as the Nye County Recorder. The following is the deed from E.J Travis to George Lewis:

E. J. Travis et ux

This Indenture, made the eight day of Oct-
ber, in the year of our Lord one thou-
sand eight hundred and eighty. Between
E. J. Travis and Hannah P. Travis his wife parties of
the first part and George Lewis party of the second part
Witnesseth That the said parties of the first part for and
in consideration of the sum of Two Thousand (2000) Dol-
lars gold coin of the United States of America to them in
hand paid by the said party of the second part, the re-
ceipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted bar-
gained sold and conveyed, and by these presents do grant
bargain sell and convey unto the said party of the
second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever. All

their right title and interest in and to those two certain
tracts of land described as follows to wit: The north half of
the southeast quarter, and the southeast quarter of the north-
east quarter of Section Thirty-two (32); and the southwest
quarter of the northwest quarter of Section Thirty three (33);
All in Township Seven (7) North Range Sixty-two (62) East
and the west half of the southeast quarter of Section Twenty-
nine (29), and the north half of the northeast quarter
of Section Thirty-two (32); All in Township Seven (7) North
Range Sixty-two (62) East. All in Nye County State of Nevada,
as also all water and water rights connected therewith,
and all ^{the} water and water rights flowing from or connected with
what is known as and called the Flag Spring. Together
with all and singular the tenements hereditaments and
appurtenances, therunto belonging or in anywise appertain-
ing and the reversion and reversionary remainder and remain-

and rents issues and profits thereof to have and to hold all and singular the said premises together with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever. In Witness whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in } E. J. Travis
the presence of } Hannah P. Travis

State of Nevada

County of Eureka }^{ss} On this eighth day of October AD 1880 before me
Jas W Smith a Notary Public in and for said County personally
appeared E. J. Travis and Hannah P. Travis his wife personally
known to me to be the individuals described in and who
executed the annexed instrument as parties thereto, and ack-
nowledged to me that they executed the same freely and volun-
tarily, and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.
And the said Hannah P. Travis wife of the said E. J. Travis
having been by me first made acquainted with the contents
of said instrument she acknowledged to me and was examined

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And the said Hannah P. Travis wife of the said E. J. Travis
having been by me first made acquainted with the contents
of said instrument, acknowledged to me, on examination
apart from and without the hearing of her husband, that she
executed the same freely and volunitarily, without fear or
compulsion, or undue influence of her husband, and that
she does not wish to retract the execution of the same



In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my Notarial Seal in said County
the day and year in this certificate first above written
Jas. W. Smith Notary Public Eureka County Nevada

Recorded at Request of D. O'Neil October 24th 1880 at 5 min past 1 P.M. *George Ernst*

An item in the White Pine News affords the following particulars of the fire at Washburn's Station: From the driver on Travis Bro.'s Pioche stage line, we learn that the stables at Washburn's station, some eighteen miles from Hamilton, were completely consumed by fire on Wednesday night last. There were a number of horses in the stable at the time, two of which were burned to death, one of them being a fine mare bought by Travis at Sacramento only a short time ago, and considered a valuable animal. Quite a large quantity of grain was also on the premises, which, with several harnesses, etc., was also consumed. No cause can be assigned for the accident, as the stable is situated away from the house, and no fire used on the premises; but as it is the second time the same thing has occurred at that place, it is supposed to be the act of an incendiary. The loss must aggregate some \$5,000.

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T. J. Barnes

to

Stravis Brothers

This Indenture, Made the Twenty third day
of July, in the year of our Lord one thous-
and eight hundred and seventy two

Between Thomas J. Barnes of Nye County
State of Nevada, the party of the first part, and Stravis Brothers of
Hamilton City, White Pine County State of Nevada, parties the
parties of the second part. Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part
for and in consideration of the sum of Five hundred \$500.00 Dollars
in Gold Coin of the United States of America, to him in hand paid
by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby ac-
knowledged, has granted, bargained and sold, conveyed and con-
firmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain and sell, convey
and confirm unto the said parties of the second part, and to their
heirs and assigns forever, all the certain lot, piece, or parcel of land
situated, lying and being in the county of Nye, State of Nevada
and bounded and particularly described as follows, to wit:—

That certain road known as Barnes Toll road beginning at
the east end of Jarvis Ellisons ranch on a tributary of White River

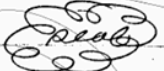
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the east end of Jarvis Ellisons ranch on a tributary of White River
and running thence south easterly eleven (11) miles more or less
to northeast corner of ranch owned by George Ellison and Robert
Lantern; for a more particular description of said road reference is
hereby made to the plat of survey of same recorded in the Nye
County Records.

Together with all and singular the tenements hereditaments
and appurtenances therunto belonging, or in anywise apper-
taining, to the reversion and reversions, remainder and remain-
ders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and also all the estate, rights
title, interest and franchise to said property, possession, claim and
demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said part
of the first part, of, in or to the said premises, and every part and
parcel thereof, with the appurtenances.

To have and to hold, all and singular the said premises, to-
gether with the appurtenances unto the said parties of the second part
their heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof, the said party of the first part has hereunto
his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

T. J. Barnes 

State of Nevada } ss.

County of White Pine }

On this thirtieth day of July, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy two personally appeared before me Louis A. Hauck a Notary Public in and for the said County of White Pine Thomas J. Barnes, whose name is subscribed to the annexed instrument as a party thereto, personally known to me to be the same person described in and who executed the said annexed instrument as a party thereto, who duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.



Louis A. Hauck

Notary Public

Recorded at Request of E. J. Travis August 5, A.D. 1872 at 30 min. past 8 A.M.

The deed is dated 5 August 1872 for a section of the Hamilton to Pioche stagecoach road. In tax assessments for Thomas Barnes, he had a rock station house on the toll road that I would say is the remnants of the rocks west of Willow Grove. Thomas Plane and Gray, the father of Mary Gray Moorman, also owned a section of road for a toll road on the Hamilton to Pioche road.

From Nye County Tax Assessment records, the year is in the upper left corner. This is from another book I'd put stories together in about Jot Travis and the Travis families:

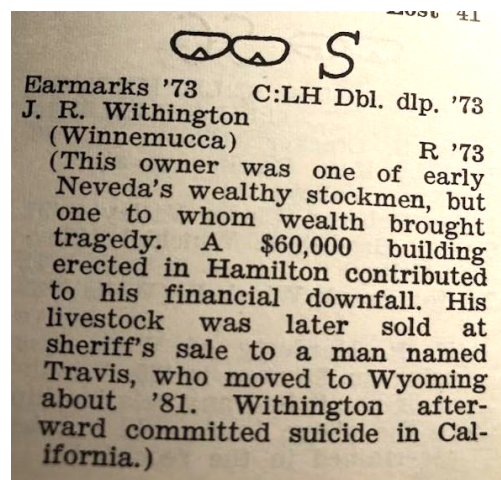
Elias Johnson (E.J) "Jot" Travis
Travis Brothers Stages/Livery

I have spent a lot of time putting together the stories of E.J Travis and the Travis families after discovering E.J Travis was the man who built the house in Eureka on Knob Hill still known today as the Zadow or Morrison House. Daniel Morrison was my 2x great grandfather.

E.J Travis was among the first to have stagecoaches between Eureka, Hamilton and Pioche. His brother, Wes Travis, was the Sheriff in Lincoln County. I've put a book together with stories of just the Travis families, one of my favorites to work on, especially after learning more about the family from a descendant who had more pictures and information about them.

E.J Travis had a ranch at what became known as Sunnyside, south of the present day townsite of Lund, Nevada. From newspapers, E.J and his wife left Nevada and moved to California in about 1875, where their daughter died and was buried, but Jot continued to work in Nevada for a few years.

From the index of deeds in the Historical records for Nye County, George Lewis bought the ranch at Sunnyside from E.J Travis on 26 October 1880. I have to get the actual deeds, but that makes sense also from the information on the brand of E.J "Jot" Travis in the book, On the Hoof in Nevada.

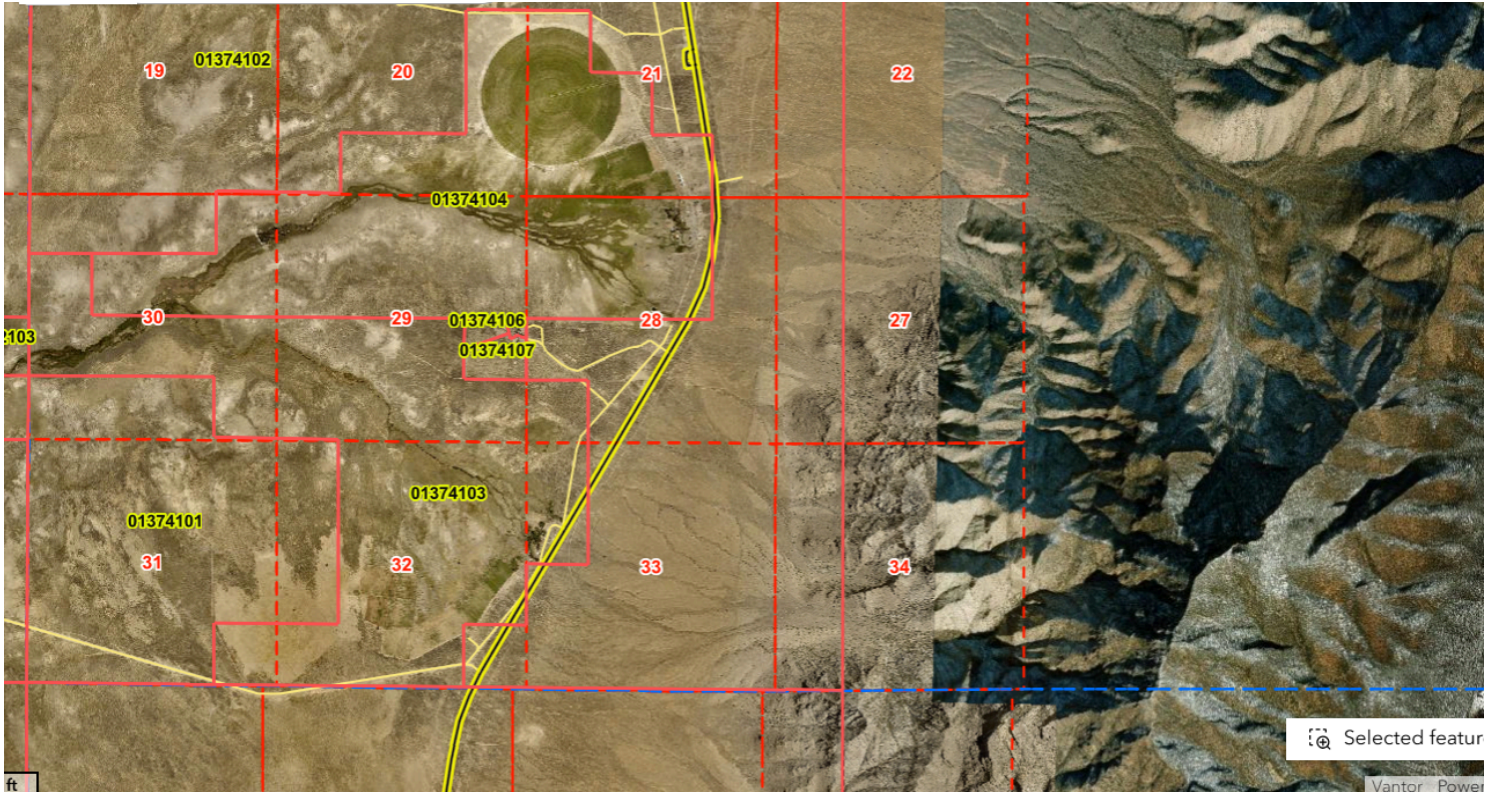


Paied	Travis E. J. & Chamberlain Jno	Five Old Wagon
Measures		One Horse
Nov. 15		Seven Hogs
		Wine Plows & 3 Horses
		280 acres Section 32, Township 7 N. R. 62 E.
		80 acres " 33 " " " "
		40 " " 28 " " " "
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		and improvements thereon, consisting
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E. J. Travis and Chamberlain
 280 acres Sec 32 T7 62E
 80 acres Sec 33 T7 62E
 40 acres Sec 28 T7 62E
 40 acres Sec 29 T7 62E
 40 acres Sec 29 T7 62 E



The circle on the plat map is at Emigrant Springs (known as the Riordan Ranch where Marcie Jensen lived)

In 1874 Nye County Taxes:

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Oct. 29	✓ Davis Ed Chamberlain	Three Wagon One Horse One Mule Twenty Hogs Implements of Husbandry Paddy claim to 380 acres of land situated Ely Springs below Emigrant Spring and south of Joe Santos
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Oct. 29	✓ Davis of W. Ed. Co.	Household Furniture Two Horses Twenty Mules Twenty Three Head of Stock Cattle Nina keeps Ed Thirty Chests Preminary claim to stock Ranch containing 160 acres situated about 4 miles S.E. from Patterson Station The Patterson Station on the Piche Ed Hamilton Road, improvements, 1st St. House, stable, and Corral
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Oct. 29	✓ Davis E of Ed. Co.	Three Coaches Twenty Two Head of Horses The following trap stations 20 miles Noy Ranch, Shub Ranch, Shingle Springs, Brassy Mountain and 21 miles Home
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HO! FOR ELY!



The Accommodation Stage Line
OF
TRAVIS BROS.

WILL MAKE REGULAR WEEKLY TRIPS
between Hamilton and Ely District,
EVERY MONDAY.

For quick time and safety this line has no competitors. Run through in two days. For express or passage, and further particulars, apply at the office.

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IN TOWN.—The *Sentinel* says Jot. Travis arrived in that place last Monday from San Francisco, where he has been rustling with the "bulls" and "bears" for the past few months. Jot. arrived here on Tuesday, and was warmly welcomed by his old Hamilton friends. He remained a few days, and then left for his ranch down on the Pioche road, where he expects to remain for a couple of weeks in looking after his stock. If he will stick to the horned cattle he will find more millions in them than in the Bonanza stocks.

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Stable & Corral Jefferson

Quail Travis - Mar 20

Travis E. J.

Wagon

Machine

320 acres of Agricultural land known as the Ely Spring ranch

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Travis E. J.

Pioche & Friends Nov 17

Four Old Wagons

Eight Horses

Two Cows

Fifty fowls

One plow & set of harness

Blacksmith tools

Res. Claim A 280 acres of land situated at Ely

Chasings about 1/2 miles below Emmigrant Springs in

White River Valley with house, stable, corral & blacksmith shop

DAILY STAGE.

ON AND AFTER

OCTOBER 23, 1872,

GILMER & SALISBURY

— WILL RUN A —

DAILY LINE

— OF —

CONCORD COACHES

— BETWEEN —

Hamilton and Pioche,

Carrying Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express and the United States Mails.

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JOT. TRAVIS, Superintendent.

CHANGE OF ROUTE.—Gilmer & Salisbury, proprietors of the stage line running between this place and Pioche, have been making a change in the route, and now run by Emigrant Springs, Jot Travis' **ranch**, to Pritchard's road, and from thence to Pioche by the way of Bristol. The change has been made to avoid Patterson mountain.

FINE HORSES!

A Rare Chance

TO PURCHASE

FINE ROAD and DRAFT HORSES

JOT. TRAVIS WILL ARRIVE IN EU-
reka on or about the 12th inst. with his

Band of American Horses!

Lately purchased in the East.

The lot comprises

—THE—

Finest Horses Ever Brought

TO EUREKA!

AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF AT

—THE—

LOWEST PRICES.

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OF PURCHASE.

THE DAILY STAGE.—**Jot Travis**, the energetic agent of the Hamilton line, arrived in town yesterday. He tells us that a large amount of fresh stock has been brought on the road from Johnson's ranch, and is now being distributed along the road. In a short time the organization of the new line will be completed. Mr. **Travis** is entitled to much credit for the efforts he is making to accommodate the increasing travel to and from this city.

TRAVIS & CO.'S
DAILY STAGE LINE

—FROM—

HAMILTON TO PIOCHE,



CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS
and Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express.

Stages leave daily at 4 o'clock P. M.

HALF DAILY LINE,

From Hamilton to Schellburn,

—VIA—

ROBINSON.

Stages leave every alternate day at 9 A. M.

OFFICE on Main Street.

P. McCONKEY, Agent.

Hamilton, July 18, 1873.

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FINE HORSES FOR SALE.—During a visit to the East, some weeks since, Jot. Travis purchased a large number of fine road and draft horses, which will arrive here on the 12th instant and the entire band offered for sale at the most reasonable prices. Among the lot are several fine roadsters, which will no doubt be sought after by those who desire to possess a good traveling team. The draft-horses were purchased especially for this country. All the animals are in fine order and in sound health. Those who intend making such purchases would do well to await the coming of Jot. and his band of horses, as they will be able to make a choice from a lot of as fine animals as were ever brought to this town.

TRAVIS BROTHERS have double stocked their Ely stage line and changed their route so as to be able to run twice a week and make the trip in one day through to Ploche. Stages leave Hamilton and Ploche Mondays and Thursdays at 8 o'clock a. m. Charges for freight and passage, to suit the times. For freight or passage, apply at the office of Travis Brothers. *

HAMILTON AND PIOCHE



STAGE LINE!

CARRYING

The U. S. Mail & W. F. & Co.'s Express.

LEAVES HAMILTON ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY, at 10 o'clock a. m. Arrives at Pioche on TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 10 o'clock a. m. Leaves Pioche on MONDAY and THURSDAY, at 10 o'clock a. m. Arrives at Hamilton TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 10 o'clock a. m.

This is the only established line to Pioche, via Robinson and **Patterson**. Smoothest and quickest route.

Also, a branch line from **Patterson** to Silver Park, making close connection with our regular stages.

Our road is double stocked with 6-horse changes.

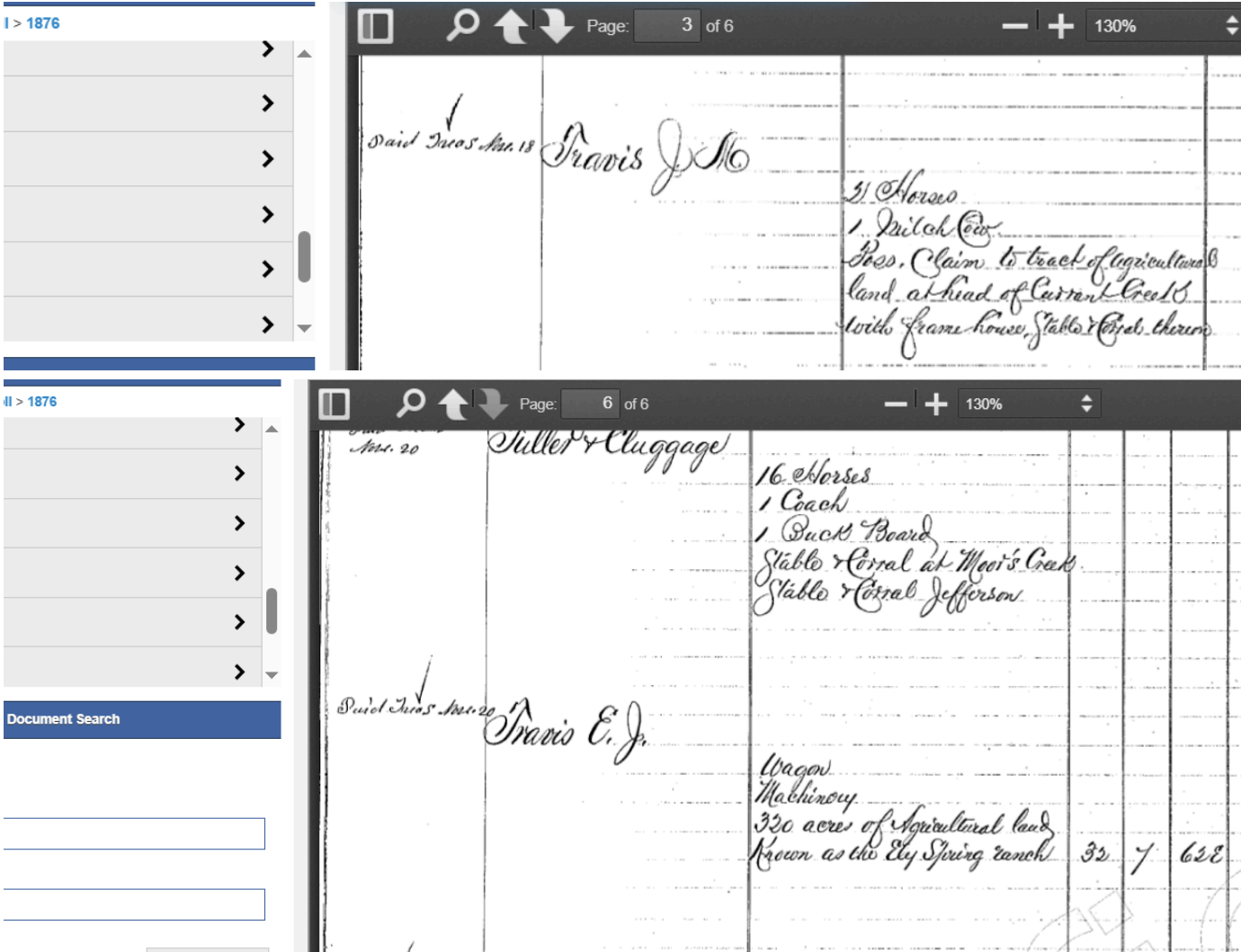
Satisfaction guaranteed to passengers, or money refunded.

TRAVIS, WILSON & CO., Proprietors.

Our FAST FREIGHT LINE will be established in eight days. Merchants in Pioche, Silver Park, and intermediate points, will find it to their advantage to mark goods 'Care TRAVIS, WILSON & CO., Fast Freight.'

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FAST TIME, RAIN OR SHINE.—Mr. Holland, who arrived in town yesterday afternoon, left Eureka on Friday morning at 8 o'clock, in one of Woodruff & Ennor's Concord coaches; arrived at Hamilton at 3 p. m. of that day; left Hamilton by Travis & Co.'s line at 5 o'clock on Friday evening, while a heavy snow-storm was beating upon the heads of all who were exposed to it. The storm was so heavy that it was with the greatest difficulty that the driver could find the road. A sleigh was used as far as Tom Plain's ranch, after which the passengers were transferred to the coach. They reached Patterson at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, and arrived in Pioche at 2½ o'clock in the afternoon. The time from Eureka to Pioche, including all stoppages, was 30½ hours; from Hamilton in 21½ hours. This is better time than has been made heretofore in Summer, when the roads are good. Both Woodruff & Ennor and Travis & Co. have stocked their lines with first-class American horses, and have made arrangements by which connections are made regularly in spite of wind or weather. Joe Travis, Superintendent of the line between Hamilton and Pioche, is a man of indefatigable energy, and is ready for any emergency that may arise. The drivers are careful and courteous, and spare no pains to render passengers committed to their charge comfortable, and to bring them through safely and on time.



1876

Joe Travis, the cousin of E.J Travis, had property at the head of Currant Creek in 1876.

E.J Travis by himself had 320 acres known as Ely Spring Ranch at Sec 32 T7N R62E (south of Emigrant Springs)

Josiah Travis, a brother of E.J Travis, had a place in Cave Valley at Haggerty.

The sad story of Joe Travis is that he and his family were living at 6-Mile Station on the west side of Hamilton close to the Green Springs road when he was run over by the plow when he was plowing and died shortly after from his injuries.

John Erastus Sorensen (Jens Rasmus)

I was wrong in thinking that this man was the grandfather of Loyd Sorensen, who owned sheep and lived in White Pine and Elko Counties. Loyd's son still owns the ranch, which is located in both Clover Valley and Ruby Valley, Elko County, NV, but it's not the same Sorensen family. There was also another John M. Sorensen who came to Preston, Nevada from Utah with his family and then moved to Oregon or Washington, but he was not from either family either.

The following newspaper story of John E. Sorensen's death by Hamilton is from the free site: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov> John E Sorensen was also a Mormon, according to the newspaper story about his death. He and his family were living in Eureka when he was killed. He also had a son named Kermit Lloyd Sorensen. Most likely they would all be connected somehow through their family ancestry from Denmark, but there were too many Sorensen's with the same names living in Nevada in the 1880's-early 1900's.



J. E. SORENSEN'S TRAGIC DEATH

Pitched from Wagon and Forward Wheel Crushes Out His Life.

News of the death of John E. Sorensen was received in Eureka last Saturday morning.

Mr. Sorensen met his death about 6 o'clock Friday evening, January 22, 1904, by being thrown from his wagon and the forward wheel passing over his body. At the time of the accident he was descending, with a ten-horse team, the steep grade about a mile southwest of the Rocco-Homestake mine, near Hamilton, where he had loaded ore for Eureka, the railroad shipping point.

Edward Gilbert, who drives the Eureka & Palisade Railway Company's team, had also left the Rocco with ore late Friday afternoon, and was just ahead of Mr. Sorensen on the road. While rounding a curve, he heard his fellow-traveler loudly calling "whoa, whoa," and looking back a minute later he saw the other team had left the road and the driver was not on his seat. He went back to investigate, and was horrified to find him under his wagon, just behind the forward wheel which, it was found later, passed over the body. Mr. Gilbert dragged the helpless man out of his perilous position, and while

making a hasty examination to ascertain if he still lived, felt only a faint heart flutter, and Mr. Sorensen was dead.

Mr. Gilbert moved the body to a vacant cabin near by and the Coroner at Hamilton was notified. An inquest was held Saturday and a verdict of accidental death was rendered. The body was then taken to Hamilton to be prepared for burial and shipment to Eureka.

The remains arrived here Sunday afternoon, and it was a heart-rending scene when the lifeless form was carried into the home to a mentally afflicted wife and four little children. The only ones of the family present at the time who were capable of realizing the sad fate of the husband and father were the 15-year-old daughter, Goldie, and Lionel, 11 years old. Ever since the family came to Eureka the supervision of the household has devolved upon little Goldie, and she has cared for her mother, a younger brother and her 6-year-old twin sisters with the kindness and tact of maturer years.

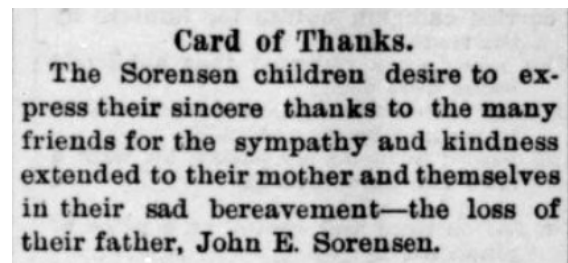
Mr. Sorensen was a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, where he was born April 6, 1845. For many years he resided in Utah, where at one time he was well to do. Reverses came to him, and about seven years ago his wife's health failed. Three years ago he came to Nevada and located at Elko. White

to Nevada and located at Ely, White Pine County. In November, 1902, he removed to Eureka and engaged in the freighting business. He was a member of the Mormon Church, and was a sober and industrious man, and in his short residence here gained the respect of all who had social or business relations with him. A wife and seven children survive him. A son and a daughter are married and live in Utah.

Awaiting the arrival of Archie Sorensen from Gunnison, Utah, and Lloyd Sorensen from Wadsworth, Nevada, sons of the deceased, the funeral was arranged for Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. J. E. Johnston of the Presbyterian Church conducted the funeral service, many friends and acquaintances being present and accompanying the remains to the cemetery.



Gunnison City Cemetery, Sanpete, Utah



John E. Sorensen's son, Lloyd Sorensen, (not the same man who was the sheep rancher) was the father of Lloyd Kermit Sorensen, who married Joyce Irene Goodman. Joyce's father was Bill Goodman, who was a partner in the Goodman Tidball stores in Ely and other businesses. He also owned land in Preston, Nevada.

ELY GIRL WEDS AT HOME RITES

ELY, Nev., Sept. 11.—(Special).—Miss Joyce Goodman of Ely became the bride of Kermit Sorenson of Ruth Saturday evening at a wedding ceremony held at the Goodman home with Ivan Call, member of the L. D. S. Stake presidency, performing the ceremony in the presence of the immediate families of the popular young couple.

Miss Olga Neill of Ely was the bride's only attendant and John Sorenson, brother of the groom, was best man.

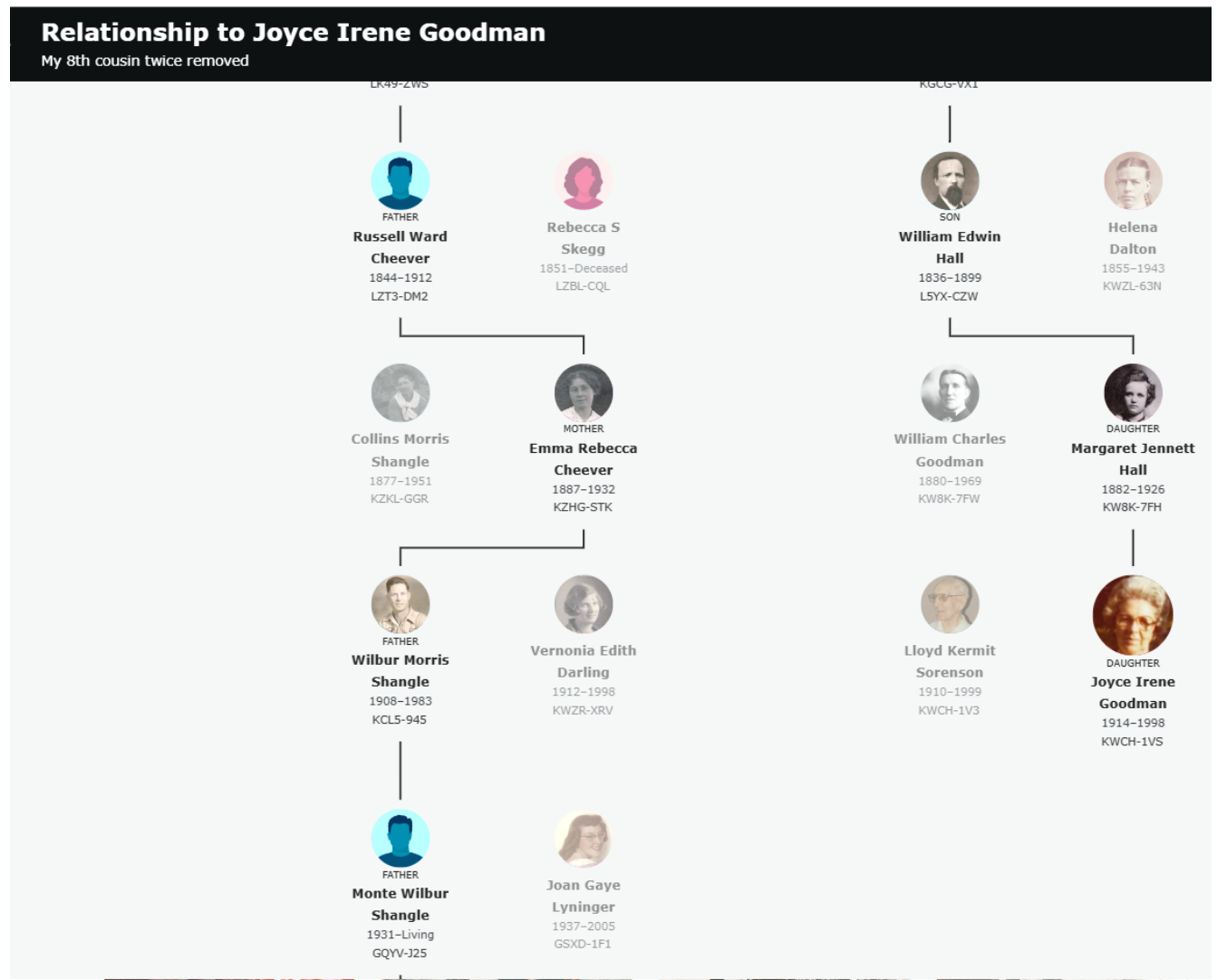
Mrs. Sorenson is the attractive daughter of Mr. William C. Goodman and is a graduate of the Ely city schools and of the White Pine high school. For the last two years she attended the University of Utah.

Mr. Sorenson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sorenson of Ruth. After graduating from the White Pine high school he attended the University of Utah and for the last two years has held a responsible position with the Nevada Consolidated Copper Corporation at Ruth.

Following a honeymoon spent in Salt Lake City and Southern California the young couple will make their home at Ruth.

Ivan Call, who performed the ceremony, was the father of Carol Call Cripps, the wife of Walt Cripps. Walt was 93 when I helped him for a few months when he was trying to stay by himself on his place in Preston, NV. He had pictures and told stories of riding race horses for Bill Goodman. I'm not exactly sure which property it is, but Walt told me he could have bought the Goodman land that was bought by the Rosevear Ranch, probably in the 1950's-60's. I have more research to do, but I think Goodman may have also owned some of the property now owned by the son of Walt Cripps.

Joyce Goodman Sorensen was my paternal grandfather's 8th cousin.



Book List

I have quite a list of 'books' that I have uploaded to self-published books for the purpose of keeping my research pdf's where I know they won't be deleted as some of my pdf's have been on google docs, and for people who are interested to read. I've sent quite a few to my father to read because of his interest in 'this part of Nevada' history, but also because often times it starts him off telling me stories from things he remembers hearing in the 65 years he lived in the Eureka area. With his eyesight not being good for reading small print, I am able to make the print larger for dad to read too.

For anyone interested in any of my 'books', they can be purchased for my cost of publication plus shipping and handling charges, which are usually around \$15-\$20 per book, depending on how many pages each book has. They are by no means professionally published books, they are mainly what I have found in researching from records, newspaper articles, genealogy sites, findagrave, etc.

I don't have online payments. A check or money order sent through USPS works best and then I can order whatever books someone wants directly from Lulu where I have them published and have them sent directly to the person's address.

As I've often said, "Someday, I could write several books, but it's the research that I like to do best." It's helped a lot being able to access Nye & Lander County Historical records online. I also spend a lot of time at the White Pine County Recorder's office looking through record books.

It's interesting. I just wish I had been more interested when people who could have told me more of the stories were still alive. But I have to remind myself now, if I didn't make the effort to research and put stories together, who else would make the effort and take the time to do it? I'm afraid it's going to be lost after my generation. What motivates me most are the stories of the people. I try to imagine what it must have been like for them in the early years of the settling of the west. They came from all over, including from many foreign countries as my own grandparents did. What must it have been like for them?

Finding pictures of the people and places are a big bonus in putting their stories together. As I tell people too, "Get your old photos out of their storage prisons and tell their stories while the people who are still alive who know them can tell them." So many photos will be thrown away because they are not identified and because younger generations don't know their stories.

That's sad. Every person has a story.

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