

PIONEER WOMAN EDUCATOR

MRS. T. H. WELLS DIES AT SANTA MONICA.

Founded the First Female Protestant Seminary—Her Husband at One Time Superior Judge of Butte County.

SANTA MONICA, June 23.—Mrs. T. H. Wells, a pioneer in educational affairs on the Pacific Coast, died at her home in this city yesterday morning after a long and painful illness with valvular disease of the heart. She was 75 years of age, and she and her husband had been living in this town for the past ten years. Mrs. Wells' maiden name was Susan August Lord. Her father, Captain Tobias Lord, was prominent in whaling fleets, sailing from Boston and from Kennebunk port, Maine.

Miss Lord came to California soon after the rush following the gold excitement of 1849, and about June 1, 1852; she founded at Benicia the "Young Ladies' Female Seminary." That institution had the distinction of being the first female Protestant seminary on the Pacific Coast.

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