

Samuel C. Gray.

Samuel C. Gray, an old and respected resident of Benicia for the past forty-three years, died suddenly last Sunday of heart failure while sitting in a chair at his home. He came to California in 1849 by way of the Isthmus, arriving here on June 30th. He owned the first store ever opened in Benicia. He served as County Treasurer in 1861, and had filled the office of Trustee of Benicia and other important positions. He was born in Boston, October 11, 1816. He leaves a wife, three sons and a daughter. The funeral took place from the Episcopal church Tuesday. The edifice was thronged with friends who wished to pay their last respects to their deceased townsman. Bishop Wingfield delivered an eloquent address. Among those who followed the respected pioneer to his resting place on the hill overlooking this town which he knew in its infancy, were a delegation of Native Sons wearing the regalia of the Order. His daughter Gertrude had just returned from a year's visit in the Eastern States. All old Vallejoites remember Mr. Gray well in early days.

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