

Judge McKinstry.

Hon. E. W. McKinstry died in San Jose, November 1st. The end came so suddenly that none of his family could be summoned to his side.

The death of Judge McKinstry removes one of California's oldest and most eminent jurists. Coming here in 1849, he had ever since been closely connected with the State's progress. He was a member of the first legislature and was intimately associated with Governor Burnett in the task of carrying out the State government under the first constitution and new code of laws. He was first made a judge in 1858, and rose steadily in honorable position, until 1872, he became a justice of the Supreme Court. He held this high office until 1888, when he was made dean of Hastings Law College, from which he retired to private life about six years ago.

For over half a century Judge McKinstry had ably served the people of California, and his name will be honored in our history, as that of a good and just man.