

INTERVIEW OF
ROSE COPELAND SANGUINETTI
SONORA, CALIFORNIA

March 17, 1973

Interviewer
Joan Cunningham Gorsuch



Rose Sanguinetti

March, 1973



Wells

Sonora, Cal.

William A. Meentzen

Age 21

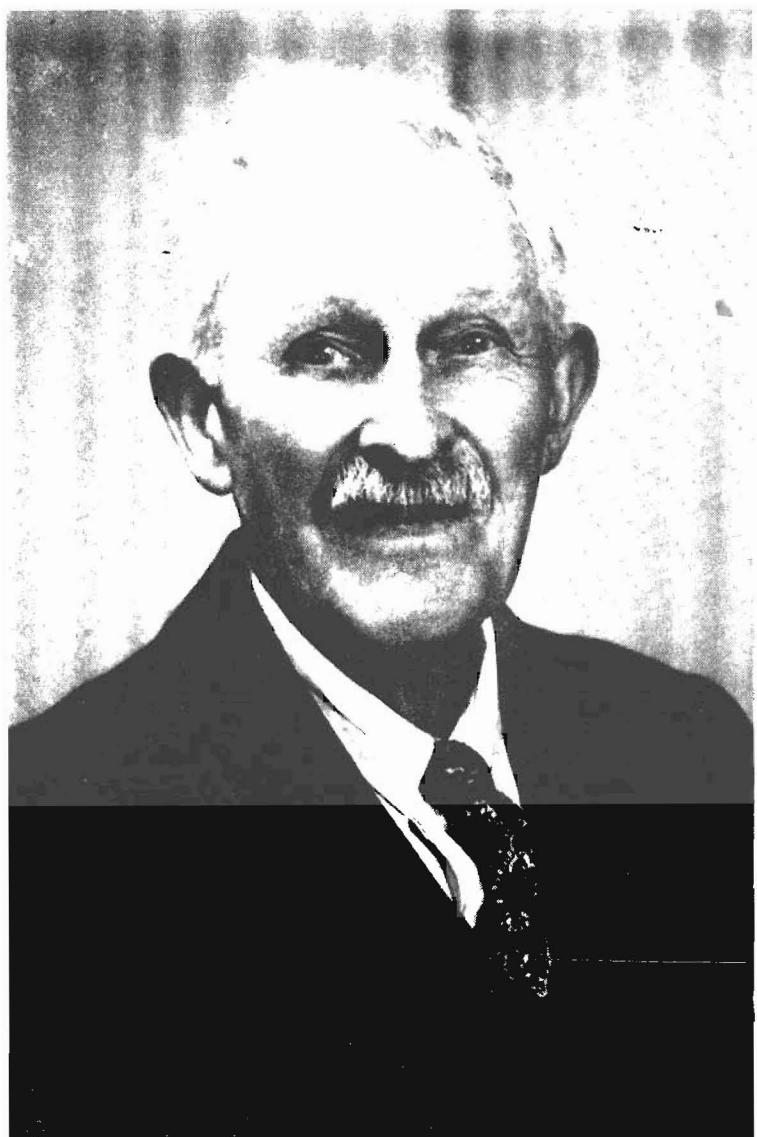


Addick Meentzen

Approximately 23 years old
during his first stay in
Tuolumne County, California.

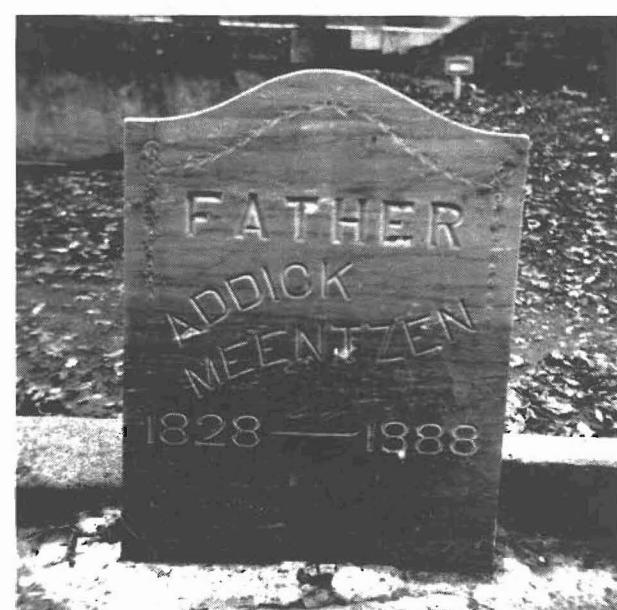


Addick Meentzen with his
four-year-old granddaughter,
Adele Antonini.



Henry A. Meentzen

The picture was taken for
his eightieth birthday.



Meentzen Family Plot
Sonora City Cemetery



The manzanita cane and the two remaining chairs made by Addick Meentzen are now in the possession of Rose Sanguinetti. She estimates them to be 118 years old.

TOPICS OF INTERVIEW

I. Grandparents

Addick Meentzen 1828-November 1^o, 1888 (alias Dick Minson)
Lucia Rebecca Meentzen 1829-May 17, 1913 (nee Freils)

- A. Prior to leaving Germany
- B. Arrival in Tuolumne County-Mined Bald Mountain
- C. Return to Germany-Marriage
 - 1. Gold Jewelry
 - 2. Addick's Furniture
- D. Shaw's Flat-Bald Mountain Homestead
- E. Children
 - Catherine Margaret
 - William A. 1858-May 28, 1888
 - Adele Rebecca (Rose's mother)
 - Henry August
- F. Grandparent's Death

II. Uncle

Henry August Meentzen 1865-

III. Parents

William Jasper Copeland 1854-1938
Adele Rebecca Meentzen 1860-1932

- A. Father's family background
- B. Homestead Bald Mountain-Tuolumne
- C. Children
 - Elfreda
 - William
 - Harry
 - Frank
 - John
 - James
 - Adele
 - Rose
 - Martha
- D. Little Bonanza Mine
- E. Father's occupations

TOPICS (Cont.)

- IV. Rose Margaret Sanguinetti (nee Copeland) born May 26, 1898
- A. Birth
 - B. Family holidays
 - 1. Christmas
 - a. Addick's furniture and chest
 - 2. Easter
 - C. Education
 - 1. Tuolumne School
 - 2. School Activities
 - D. Activities at home
 - E. Employment
 - F. Courtship-Marriage, Henry Sanguinetti, April 22, 1919
 - G. Children
 - Henry David
 - Ray Addick
 - Marion Joseph
 - H. Schooling
 - 1. Belleview School
 - 2. Phoenix Lake School

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Baur, Willa K. Oral History for the Local Historical Society, 1969.
- Buckbee, Edna Bryan. Saga of Old Tuolumne. The Press of the Pioneers, Inc., New York, 1935.
- Bulletin 141, Department of Natural Resources, State of California, Geologic Guidebook Along Highway 49-Sierran Gold Belt, The Mother Lode Country (Centennial Edition. Division of Mines, 1948.
- Fisher, Vardis and Opal Laurel Holmes. Gold Rushes and Mining Camps of the Early American West. The Caxton Printers, Ltd, Caldwell, Idaho 83605, 1968.
- Paden, Irene and Margaret Schlichtmann. The Big Oak Flat Road to Yosemite. Yosemite Natural History Association, Yosemite National Park, 1959.
- Sargent, Shirley. Pioneers In Petticoats. Trans-Anglo Books, Los Angeles, California, 1966.
- Stoddart, Thomas Robertson. Annals of Tuolumne County. The Mother Lode Press, Sonora, California, 1963.
- Union Democrat California. J. A. Van Harlingen & Co., Printers and Publishers, Sonora, California, Copyright 1909.

NATURALIZATION

Addick Leentzen, July 15, 1867

Minutes Vol. D, page 189
5th District Court, Sonora, California

Witnesses:

Joseph Van Proag
F. Wagner

DEATH NOTICE

From The Union Democrat, November 24, 1888

"Addick Meentzen's death by poisoning caused by contact with a glandered horse should arouse the people of this county to the folly and danger of allowing animals to live when diseased with the glanders. A horse known to have the glanders should be killed and buried or burned at once. The disease is loathsome enough when affecting animals, but its most horrible feature is that it is contagious to mankind.

While glandered horses are allowed to live, no horse and no man can be said to be safe. The post to which a diseased horse is tied, the trough at which he drinks, the tree which he nibbles, may communicate the poison to a healthy animal."

Section 401 of the Penal Code makes it a misdemeanor for failing to kill an animal with glanders or farcy.

NOTE: Funk and Wagnalls Dictionary says glanders is a serious contagious disease of horses, mules and other equines, caused by a bacillus and characterized by a nasal discharge and ulcerative lesions of the lungs and other organs; occasionally found in other animals and man. When affecting the skin it is called farcy.

A. Mantzen. — Homestead.

vol 2 pg 256
Homestead

I now affirm by these presents, that I, Adelick Mantzen am a married man and householder and living with my family on the SE^{1/4} of SW^{1/4} Sec. 15 and S² of NW^{1/4} & NE^{1/4} of NW^{1/4} Sec. 30, T. 2 N. R. 15 E. M. D. C. that I claim said land as a homestead for my family that the cash value of the same is about Six hundred Dollars. Witness my hand, this 27 day of July 1885. Adelick Mantzen. State of California County of Sacramento. On this 27 day of July A.D. 1885 before me C. L. Street personally appeared Adelick Mantzen personally known to me to be the (same) person who executed the foregoing declaration of Homestead as a party thereto and Adelick Mantzen acknowledged to me that he executed the same in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written. C. L. Street Notary Public. O. B. Registered at request of C. F. Mantzen Aug. 10 1885 at 15 m. p. 11 H. L. S.

In the Superior Court

Of the County of Tuolumne
State of California.

PROBATE.

In the Matter of the Estate of

Freddick Mentzen

Deceased.

Inventory and Appraisement.

C. C. P., Sec. 1443.

I, Joseph Fitzgerald, County Clerk of the
County of Tuolumne, State of California, and ex-officio
Clerk of the Superior Court thereof, do hereby certify that
John Dambacher, Edward Hastings and
William Scattergood

were duly appointed Appraisers of the estate of the above-named deceased, by order of
the said Court, duly entered and recorded on the 5th day of

January 1889.

Witness my hand and the Seal of said Court this

5th day of January 1889.

Joseph Fitzgerald Clerk.

By

Deputy Clerk.

State of California,

— County of Tuolumne } ss.

Oath of Appraisers.

William Scattergood Edwin Hastings

duly appointed Appraisers of the estate of Freddick Mentzen
deceased, being duly sworn, each for himself, says: that he will truly, honestly and
impartially appraise the property of said estate, which shall be exhibited to him, according
to the best of his knowledge and ability.

William Scattergood
Edwin Hastings

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

19th day of January 1889.

J. P. Oli

Notary Public

Read Instructions on Sixth Page.

In the Superior Court

Of the _____ County of Tuolumne
State of California.

PROBATE.

In the Matter of the Estate of

Inventory and Appraisement.

Frederick Meisinger
Deceased.

Moneys belonging to the said deceased, which have come to the hands of the
Administrator

\$

Real Estate

That certain lot piece or parcel of
land, situate, lying and being in
the County of Tuolumne State of Cal-
ifornia and bounded and described
as follows: S E $\frac{1}{4}$ of S W $\frac{1}{4}$ of
section 17, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of N W $\frac{1}{4}$ and
N E $\frac{1}{4}$ of N W $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 20
in Township 2 N of Range 15 E
and improvements thereon
appraised at

none

800 00

Personal Estate

Household Furniture

1 Stove appraised at the sum of

8 00

1 Table "

5 00

4 Chairs " " " " 25c each

1 00

1 Bed and bedstead appraised at the sum of

4 00

Chest of Drawers, " " " "

5 00

Wharfst appraised at the sum of

5 00

Bedstead " " " "

2 50

Amount carried forward,

817 00

Amount brought forward,	\$	57 00
2 Harrams appraised at \$100 each		200
2 Jelous .. " \$250 ..		500
1 Sprung Waggon .. "		15 00
1 Waggon .. "		30 "
		<hr/>
Total		8868 00

The whole of the estate mentioned in the foregoing inventory
is Community property as far as can be
ascertained from said administration.

We, the undersigned, duly appointed Appraisers of the estate of
Addick Meulzer deceased, hereby certify that the property
mentioned in the foregoing inventory has been exhibited to us, and that we appraise the
same at the sum of eight hundred) sixty nine
Dollars (\$ 869. -).

William Scattergood, Appraiser.
John H. Harting, Appraiser.
Appraiser.

Dated June 2nd 1886.

In the Superior Court Involving
County State of California

In the Matter of the Estate
of Addick Meentzen dead

I Rebecca Meentzen surviving
wife of said Addick Meentzen dead
being entitled to administer upon
the estate of my dead husband do hereby
relinquish my right to administer
upon said estate in favor of my
son Harry A. Meentzen
and I hereby ask that the Court do
appoint said Harry Meentzen
as such administrator in my place
and stead

Rebecca. Meentzen.

Dated Decr. 8, 1888

Know all Men by these Presents:

That we, Henry A. Meentzen principal,
and Chas. Burden and E. S. Gould
sureties, are held and firmly bound to the State of California, in the sum of Two hundred dollars,
lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to the said State of California
for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our and each of our
heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 29th day of Dec 1888.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such: that whereas, by an order of
the Superior Court in and for the County of Tuolumne, State
aforesaid, duly made and entered on the 26th day of December
1888, the above bounden Henry A. Meentzen
was appointed administrator of the Estate of Adolphus Meentzen
deceased, and letters of administration _____
were directed to be issued to him upon his executing a bond ac-
cording to law, in said sum of Two hundred — — Dollars,

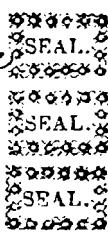
Now, Therefore, if the said Henry A. Meentzen
_____ as such administrator
shall faithfully execute the duties of the trust according to law, then this Obligation to
be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the
presence of

J. P. Otis

Henry A. Meentzen

Chas. Burden



State of California,

} ss.

County of Tuolumne
Chas. Burden and E. S. Gould
the sureties whose names are subscribed in the above undertaking being severally
duly sworn, each for himself, says that he is a resident and free holder
in said State, and is worth the sum in the said
undertaking specified as the penalty thereof, over and above all his just debts and
liabilities, exclusive of property exempt from execution.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

this 29th

day of December

1888

J. P. Otis

Notary Public

Chas. Burden

E. S. Gould

DELINQUENT TAX LIST
YEAR 1937

From the Union Democrat, June 3, 1938 Issue, page 3

"Phoenix School District

1758

Neentzen, Henry SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
Sec. 17, T2N, R15, 40 acres; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$
of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec.
20, T2N, R15, 90 acres; Imp: Barn and
Cabin. S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 17 T2N, R15, 160
Acres. Total Taxes, Penalties and Costs,
\$20.43."

MEENTZEN FAMILY PLOT
SOWORA CITY OF STARK

Addick Meentzen 1823-1888
Lucia Rebecca Meentzen 1829-1913

William Jasper Copeland 1854-1938
Adele Rebecca Meentzen Copeland 1860-1932
(These two headstones are missing)

Willis McFarlane (Rose's brother)
1886-1927
12 Co. 20th U. S. Engrs.

Joseph Kurtzi (Rose's cousin)
1870-1900

William Meentzen (Addick and Lucia's son)
1858-1888

Henry A. Meentzen (Addick and Lucia's son)
1865-

Catherine M. James (Addick and Lucia's daughter)
1856-1926

In the Superior Court,

of the

County of Tuolumne State of California.

In the matter of the Estate of

Wm. A. Meedgen
Deceased.

Petition for Order of Sale of Personal
Property.

To the Honorable J. F. Rooney Judge of the Superior
Court of the County of Tuolumne State of California:

The petition of Adelick Meedgen
Administrator of the Estate of

Wm. A. Meedgen deceased, respectfully shows:

That on the 4th day of August 1888, Letters of
Administration of the estate of said deceased were
issued to your petitioner and that said Letters have not been revoked.

That on the 18th day of August - 1888
your petitioner caused to be returned
into said Court an inventory &
appraisal of the property of said
estate. That there was belonging
to said estate no money whatever.
That the value of the personal property
of said estate was returned in said
inventory at \$140 00.

That the expenses already incurred
are as follows

Clerks fee	\$ 6.75
Publishing notice to Creditors	7 0 0
That the Claim of C. Burden for burial expenses amounting to 60.00	
and the Claim of E. T. Gould for medical attendance for last sickness amounting to 85 0 0	
have been presented and allowed	

your Petition and allowed by the
Court making in the aggregate the
sum of \$123,75 and there are other claims
which will be presented to a propositum
and that it will be necessary to sell
all of the property belonging to said
estate to pay the debts and claims.

Wherefore your petitioner pray that after due notice given of the hearing

of this application, said Court order a sale of the whole of the
estate of said deceased as follows interest in
house of deceased, one eight team
wagon, one Chestnut mare and
gray mare and set double
harness at private sale

or that such other or further order may be made as is meet in the premises.

And your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

Dated Sept. 29th 1885

Adolphus Meentzen

Superior Court,

County of Linn

In the matter of the Estate of

Wm. H. Maengsen

Deceased.

Petition for Order of Sale
of Personal Property.

Augt. 29th 1885

Adolphus Meentzen
Chas. C. Meentzen
Clerk.

No.

Attorney for Petitioner.

Deputy Clerk.

In the Superior Court

of the

County of Tuolumne State of California,

PROBATE.

In the matter of the Estate of

W. A. Mentzen }
Deceased.

Creditor's Claim.
C. C. P. Sec. 1403.

The undersigned, Creditor of W. A. Mentzen deceased, present his claim against the estate of said deceased, with the necessary vouchers for approval, as follows, to wit:—

Estate of W. A. Mentzen Deceased,
To Kelly Bros Dr.

1888	Oct 2	To Carriages and horses on May 29th 1888 at per h. for bill annexed	\$ 15.00
------	-------	--	----------

Family CARRIAGES, BUGGIES



Saddle Horses To Let.



HORSES KEPT ON LIVERY



REASONABLE RATES



TELEGRAPHIC ORDERS FOR CONVEYANCES WILL RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION.
Conveyances, with Careful Drivers, Furnished
Tourists at Moderate Rates.

Sonora, Cal Oct 2, 1888

W. A. Mentzen

THE CITY PIONEER LIVERY STABLE, Dr.

KELLY BROS., - Proprietors.

Opposite City Hotel, -

Sonora, Cal

May 29 To carriage & horses
Received Pay. 15.00

PROBATE FILE #790

William A. Meentzen
died May 28, 1888

Included a bill from Dr. E. T. Gould, for services rendered in the amount of \$50.00.

A bill was submitted in the amount of \$60.00 for the following:

burial case, burial permit, grave digging,
Anti Septic Embalming Fluid, gloves for
pall bearers.

H. Meentzen

^{Nov 10, 1905}
Water and Reservoir.

Notice of Appropriation of Water and Reservoir Site. Article
is hereby given that I, the undersigned do hereby appropriate
and claim all the water flowing in this Gulch named Reuben
Gulch situated in Tuolumne County, State of California. I
intend to build a Reservoir on said Gulch about 5 hundred
yards west of the road crossing said Gulch, said road being
the Bald Mountain Road running through Meentzens Ranch
on Bald Mountain. This Notice is posted at said intended
Reservoir site. I intend to conduct said water by means
of ditches and flumes & pipes where necessary in digging

large enough to conduct the amount of water necessary. The purpose for which I intend to use said water is for irrigating mining, domestic and power purposes to be used on the lands of the undersigned. H. Meentzen, locator. Dated the 23rd. day of November, 1904. Witness: A. E. Poor. Recorded at the request of H. Meentzen, Nov. 25th. 1904 at 10 o'clock P.M. R. Inch, County Recorder.

George Holmes et al.

Notice is hereby given, the undersigned having Complied with
the requirements of Chapter Six of Title Thirtytwo of the Revised
Statutes of the United States, and the local laws and regulations
has located 1500 linear feet, on this quartz vein which shall be
known as the Little Bonanza situated about 9 miles east of
Columbia and a short distance west of the Sonora Electric's
light water ditch in Tuolumne mining district Tuolumne
Co. Cal. This claim shall begin at this monument and extend
in a Southwesterly direction to a similar monument of stone
together with 300 feet on each side of the center of the vein and
all dips spurs and angles thereof. Located Oct. 16th 1893. Located by
George Holmes, William Copeland, Witnesses Oliver Holmes John Hampton
Recorded at the request of George Holmes Oct. 16th 1893 at 20 min past
4 o'clock P.M. S.C. Common Recorder.