

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 24, 1914

MATT SCHWEIN, WELL KNOWN PIONEER, IS DEAD

PROMINENT RESIDENT OF CHICO
FOR YEARS DIES AFTER
LONG ILLNESS

Mathias Schwein, one of the pioneers of Chico, passed away at his home, 520 Cherry street, after an illness of fifteen years, during which time he was suffering from paralysis, early yesterday morning. He was eighty years, six months and twenty days old.

Deceased was stricken with paralysis about fifteen years ago and since that time had been incapacitated from his work as a leading rancher and stockman of this district. For the last two years he had been an invalid.

He was one of the best known pioneers of the community. The news of his death is heard with regret, not only in Chico, but in all parts of Northern California. He was well known in Oroville and Marysville.

A man of strong individuality, noted for his good citizenship and many fine traits of character, Matt Schwein held a conspicuous position among those enterprising and energetic men who came to California in the early days and through his own honest and earnest endeavors accumulated a competency.

For forty years he had been a resident of Chico and in its development and advancement of its welfare had taken a genuine interest.

A native of Germany, he was born January 3, 1834 in Bavaria, the lifelong home of his parents.

The youngest child in a family consisting of three sons and two daughters, he received a common school education in the Fatherland, remaining at home until he was eighteen years old.

He came to this country in 1852, and after a short stay in Marysville, with but little money in current coin to his name, after serving an apprenticeship of four years at the butcher trade, he moved in 1857 to Marysville, by way of the Isthmus of Panama.

He subsequently followed his trade in that town and in Shasta county, and then went to Eugene, Ore., where he remained a few months.

Returning to California in 1860, he established himself in the butcher business at Oroville, and for ten years sold to the miners, running a wagon to the camps and also dealt extensively in mining business and selling, in both branches of his line of industry being successful.

Selling out he came to Chico and here was engaged actively in the same profitable business until his retirement from active pursuits in 1903.

Schwein was also a landholder, having owned a ranch of 365 acres, which is situated one and one-half miles south of Chico. He managed this himself until he was stricken with paralysis, raising excellent crops and having an orchard of sixty acres in which he raised prunes, pears and other fruits common to this section of the State. He likewise owned five quartz claims, which he discovered in Potter's ravine, Butte county.

Schwein married Annie Korb, a native of Germany, in Marysville and six children were born of the union. Four survive, who are Louis Schwein, Mrs. F. M. Edgar, Theodore Schwein, Mrs. D. R. Camper. Theodore Schwein is a city trustee of Chico.

The funeral will be held from the D. R. Camper home, 1105 Fifth street, tomorrow morning at 10:30. It will be private.

MRS. SCHWEIN, PIONEER, DIES

Mrs. Anna Schwein, one of the oldest of the pioneer residents of Chico and Butte county and widow of the late Mathias Schwein, former prominent business man of Chico, passed away early yesterday morning at the home of her daughter Mrs. D. R. Camper, 5105 Fifth street, following a short illness from pneumonia, brought on by the infirmities of old age.

Deceased was 85 years old and a native of Hanau, Germany. She came to America at the age of 14, settling in New Jersey. In 1860 she moved to California, coming by the way of the Isthmus of Panama and arriving in San Francisco after an eventful voyage.

Her marriage to Mathias Schwein took place in Marysville in 1862, the couple immediately moving to Oroville, where Schwein was in the meat business, being one of the first butchers to enter business in Butte county.

In 1874, Mr. and Mrs. Schwein moved to Chico, where he continued in the butcher business, owning a shop at the Junction and also the old California market on Broadway,

where the present shoe store of George C. Schley is located.

Schwein also acquired considerable realty in this district. He at one time owned the site of the Sacramento Northern shops, the Carey tract, and other property. The Schwein ranch on the Center-ville road is a part of the estate.

Mathias Schwein died in this city in 1914. Since that date his widow made her home with her daughter, Mrs. D. R. Camper, until the time of her death. She was held in high esteem by the older residents of the city among whom she was well known as a woman of high character and sterling worth.

Deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Bertha Croissant of Oakland, formerly of this city; two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Edgar and Mrs. D. R. Camper of Chico; two sons, Theodore Schwein, former Chico city trustee, and Louis Schwein of Ashland, Ore.; five grandchildren, Leslie Edgar of San Francisco, Theodore Schwein Jr., Carolyn Schwein, Mrs. Wanda Durkee, and Miss Irma Edgar, all of Chico, and one great grandchild, Frank B. Durkee Jr. of Chico.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. from the D. R. Camper home, 5105 Fifth street, and interment will be made in the family plot in Chico cemetery. Dr. R. S. Eastman of the Presbyterian church will officiate.

Mrs. Anna Schwein, Pioneer Chico Resident, Is Pneumonia Victim

Mrs. Anna Schwein, pioneer resident of Chico and Butte county, passed away early Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. R. Camper, 5105 Fifth street, after a short illness from pneumonia, which was brought on by the infirmities of old age.

She was a native of Hanau, Germany and was 85 years old. She came to America when she was 14 years of age and settled in New Jersey. In 1860 she came to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama.

She was married in Marysville in 1862 to Mathias Schwein, who passed away in this city in 1914. Following the wedding, the couple moved to Oroville, where Schwein was engaged in the meat business, and was one of the first to establish this business in Butte county.

In 1874 Mr. and Mrs. Schwein came to Chico, where Schwein still continued to engage in the meat business. He owned a shop at the Junction and also the old California market, which formerly occupied the premises where the George C. Schley shoe store is now located.

Since the death of her husband in 1914 Mrs. Schwein has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Camper. She was held in high esteem by the older residents of Chico as a woman of high character and sterling worth.

Surviving her are one sister, Mrs. Bertha Croissant, of Oakland, formerly of Chico; two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Edgar and Mrs. D. R. Camper, of Chico; two sons, Theodore Schwein, of Chico, and Louis Schwein, of Ashland, Ore.; five grandchildren, Leslie Edgar, of San Francisco, Theodore Schwein, Jr., Caslyn Schwein, Mrs. Wanda Durkee, and Miss Irma Edgar, of Chico, and one great grandchild, Frank B. Durkee, Jr., of Chico.

The funeral services will be conducted by Dr. R. S. Eastman at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from the D. R. Camper home on Fifth street. Interment will be made in the family plot in Chico cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Charles Lutz, Joseph Finnicum, Henry Bowers, W. C. Spangler, A. W. Bond and J. H. Vaughan.

Tuesday Morning, January 27, 1920

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Died 1/5/26
CHICO, CALIFORNIA

Louis Schwein Dies At Home In Ashland, Ore.

Word was received in Chico yesterday of the death of Louis Schwein in Ashland, Oregon. Mr. Schwein was born in Oroville July 3, 1865, and came to Chico with his parents, the late Matthais Schwein and wife, in 1872.

Mr. Schwein was in business in Chico for many years as proprietor of the California market. He was practically an invalid for the past three years and his death was not unexpected by relatives. The deceased was a member of the B. P. O. E. of Ashland and of the Masonic order.

Surviving relatives are the widow Mrs. Belle Schwein, an adopted daughter, Wanda, of Ashland and a son, Caslyn Schwein, of Chico.

The funeral will be held in Ashland Friday.

Theodore Schwein and Mrs. D. R. Camper, a brother and sister, accompanied by Mr. Camper, will journey to Ashland to attend the funeral. Schwein and his son, Ted, arrived in Chico Monday from Ashland after a visit there. They will return at once. Caslyn Schwein left for Ashland before news of his father's death was received here.

Besides California relatives Mr. Schwein is survived by a sister, Mrs. F. L. Morse, of Kansas City, Mo.