

## DEATH OF AMOS U. RUGG.

**Sad Death of An Old Steele County Pioneer. In Far Away California. He Leaves Many Friends and Relatives Here to Mourn His Departure.**

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Amos U. Rugg, a prominent and popular young mining man of Plumas county, while attempting to ford the north fork of the Feather River last Friday evening, was swept from the back of his horse and was drowned in the river in sight of a lady companion, who looked on powerless to aid him.

Rugg had been showing some visitors around the mines and had been leading their horses along the steep mountain trails. Wishing to cross from Cleighton to Cox's bar and thinking to make a short cut by fording the stream instead of going around by the trail, he had proposed to the ladies to cross the river on horseback. First, however, to make sure that there was no danger, he volunteered to ride across and then assist the ladies over.

Rugg rode boldly into the stream at the point where he supposed the ford was, but the horse stepped into deep water and commenced to plunge, shaking his rider into the pool, which was at least twenty feet deep. Rugg struck out for the shore, however, and was within ten feet of the bank, when he was seen to throw up his hands and then sink from sight. It is supposed that he was seized with a cramp and could swim no further.

The body of the drowned man was recovered early Saturday afternoon. A rough box was made, and about 3 o'clock the dead man's father-in-law, J. H. Thomas, and his brother, W. B. Rugg, started with the body to drive to Oroville, eighty miles away. They arrived there about 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

Over two hundred people in Oroville, where the young man was well known, escorted the remains to the railroad station. The body was forwarded to Fruitvale, where the father-in-law of the dead man lives.

The funeral services will be held at the Brooklyn Presbyterian church, East Oakland, today at 3:30. The interment will take place at Mountain View Cemetery, where the Golden Gate Masonic Lodge, of which the deceased was a member, and the Brooklyn Lodge of Masons will perform the last rites to the memory of the dead.

Amos U. Rugg was born in Compton county, Canada, January 22, 1865, and raised on a farm. He graduated with honors from the Quebec Military College at the age of 18. In 1887 he came to California and engaged in the real estate business. In 1890 he married Miss Louise V. Thomas, of Fruitvale. His wife and two children, a boy of 4 years and an infant daughter, survive him.

His principal efforts for the past few years have been in and around the great hydraulic fields of Laporte, Plumas county, where, with his father-in-law, J. H. Thomas, he has mined successfully. Lately he has been working the well-known rich bars on the north fork of the Feather River in Plumas county.

Mr. Rugg took a prominent part in the organization of the Gold Bar Consolidated Mining Company of this city.