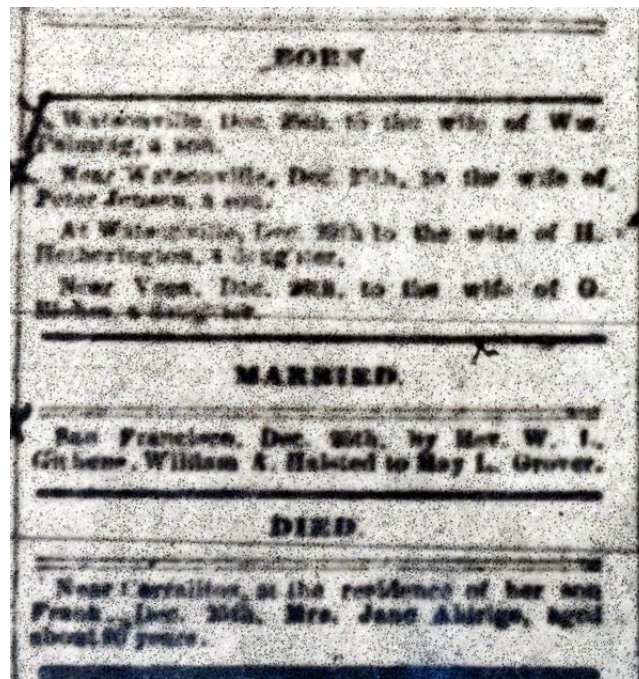


Jane White Aldridge
1795-1884
Notice of Death



Died

*Near Corralitos, at the residence of her son Frank,
Dec. 25th, Mrs. Jan Aldrige, aged about 90 years.*

Jane Aldridge's great granddaughter, Anna Belle, wrote her memories of her family, including a family story of Jane's death:

On Christmas day, Dad's grandmother died [during a bad storm]. She was 90 years old. She died upstairs in the old house on the ranch [in Corralitos]. Someone made her a coffin and they took it upstairs and put her in it. Then the stair way was narrow and had a turn in it. So the coffin had to be stood on end to get it downstairs. They loaded the coffin on a wagon and drove down the mountain to the canyon. The bridge in Brown's Valley Canyon was out so they had to go down Hazel Del. Quite a way down they came to a place where the road was partly washed out. As they worked the horse and wagon around the washed out place, they nearly lost the coffin off the wagon and into the creek. They finally got to the cemetery and got Grandma buried.

Jane actually died on Christmas eve, but the story is still a good one.

Source: Unpublished documents: Aldridge family papers and records in the possession of Robert Aldridge, 1926-2022, and shared with the author August 2006.