
History Revived by Recent Passing of Mrs. Almeda Frakes

Samuel H. T. Frakes came to California in '49 in a covered wagon and first stopped at Fresno Flats. He was a native of Indiana.

Also in '49 came Miss Almeda Mudgett from Texas in a covered wagon. She was then 10 years of age, and in poor health—so frail was she that the doctors told her she would live but a year or two at the most. She lived to make the doctors miss their guess by nearly 85 years.

Just when or where Mr. Frakes was joined in marriage to Miss Mudgett does not appear, but they came to Antelope valley 50 years ago, and brought cattle with them, settling near what is known as Del Sur. Later on they bought 1600 acres of land near Elizabeth Lake, and gave the ground to the county for the school at that place.

Mr. Frakes was one of the original stage drivers that made the route between Los Angeles and Bakersfield and Bishop.

Mr. Frakes passed away in 1911, and a son, Sam, died in 1924. Another son, Bill, is living in Arizona.

A sister-in-law, Mrs. Mudgett, crossed the plains in '52. She is now '83, and attended the last rites of Mrs. Almeda Frakes.
